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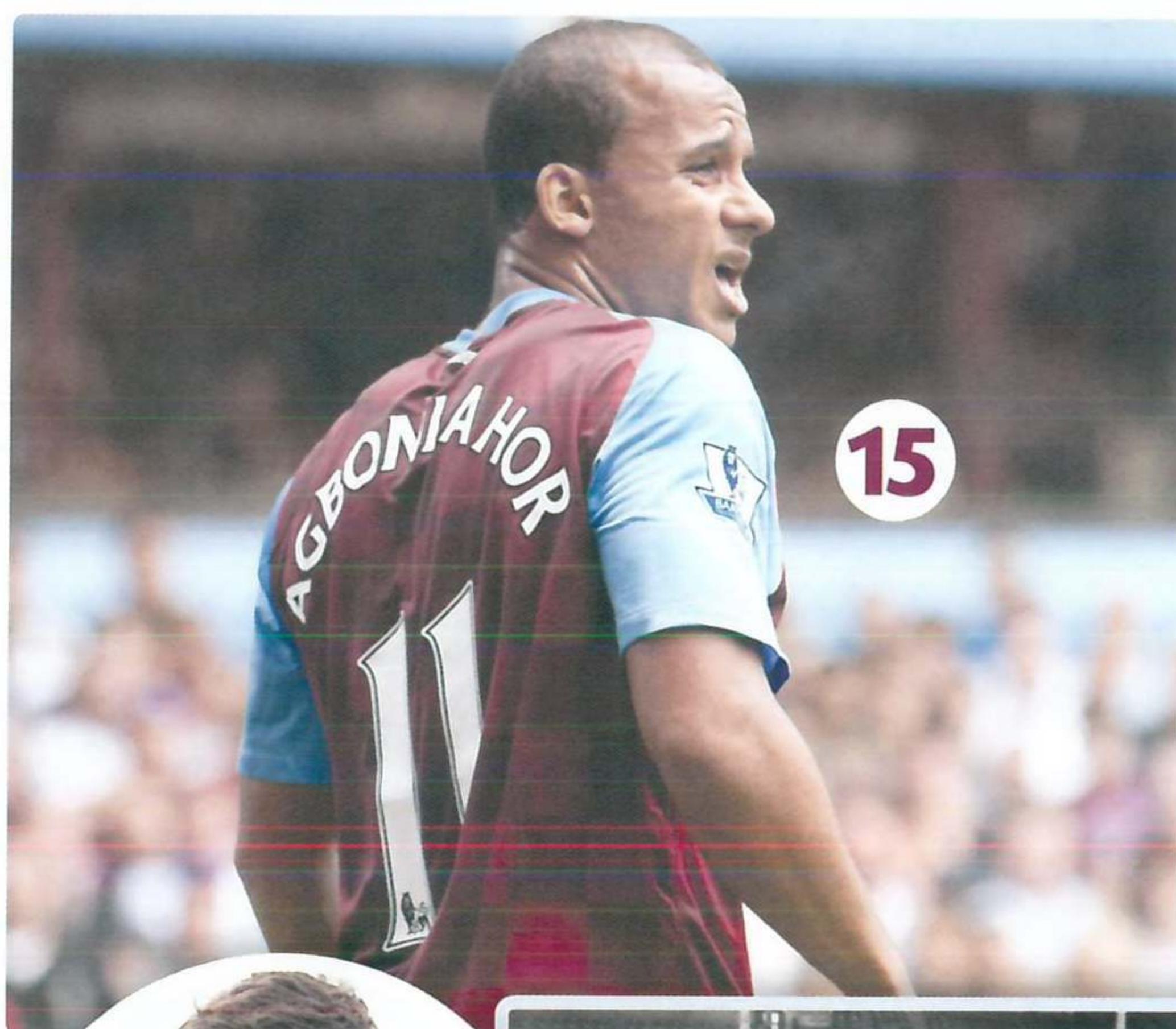
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TOP TIE IN STORE

A potential Carling Cup cracker is in store tonight as Villa take on Bolton Wanderers in this third round tie.

The very fact that it's a clash between two Barclays Premier League sides should make it a match to remember and there will be few complaints if tonight's game is as exciting as the last time we entertained the Trotters in this competition.

That was in the semi-final seven years ago, and although it ended in disappointment for the boys in claret and blue they only narrowly failed to cancel out a 5-2 deficit from the first leg at the Reebok Stadium.

A repeat of the 2-0 Villa Park outcome would be welcome this evening as Alex McLeish and his players strive to secure progress to the fourth round.

If the status of the two teams suggests an intriguing match is in prospect, though, we are more than aware that nothing can be taken for granted in this competition.

Both clubs were handed what looked like straightforward home ties against League Two opponents in the second round. But it wasn't until the final 10

minutes that Villa broke Hereford United's resistance for a 2-0 verdict, and Bolton had to come from behind to beat Macclesfield Town 2-1.

It's certainly a tough one to call, even if Villa's league form suggests we might just have the edge. McLeish's men have yet to taste defeat, having drawn four and won of their first five fixtures, while the Lancashire outfit have slipped to four consecutive league defeats since their emphatic 4-0 opening day victory over QPR at Loftus Road.

While Gabby Agbonlahor was earning Villa a point in a 1-1 draw

against Newcastle United on Saturday, the Trotters were slipping to a 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Norwich City.

But we saw last season what a formidable team Bolton can be, and their manager Owen Coyle will be anxious to see them return to winning ways and enjoy the sort of cup run which took them to the FA Cup semi-final last season.

Then again, it was only 12 months earlier that Villa reached both the Carling Cup final and the FA Cup semi-final. With those Wembley memories still fresh in the mind, there will be no shortage of desire in either camp.

NEXT UP AT VILLA PARK

The next senior action at Villa Park sees Alex McLeish's men take on Wigan Athletic on Saturday 1st October (3.00pm). In the meantime, there's the first NexGen Series home game on Wednesday 28th September (7.00pm) when our youth team face Turkish side Fenerbahce.





ALEX McLEISH

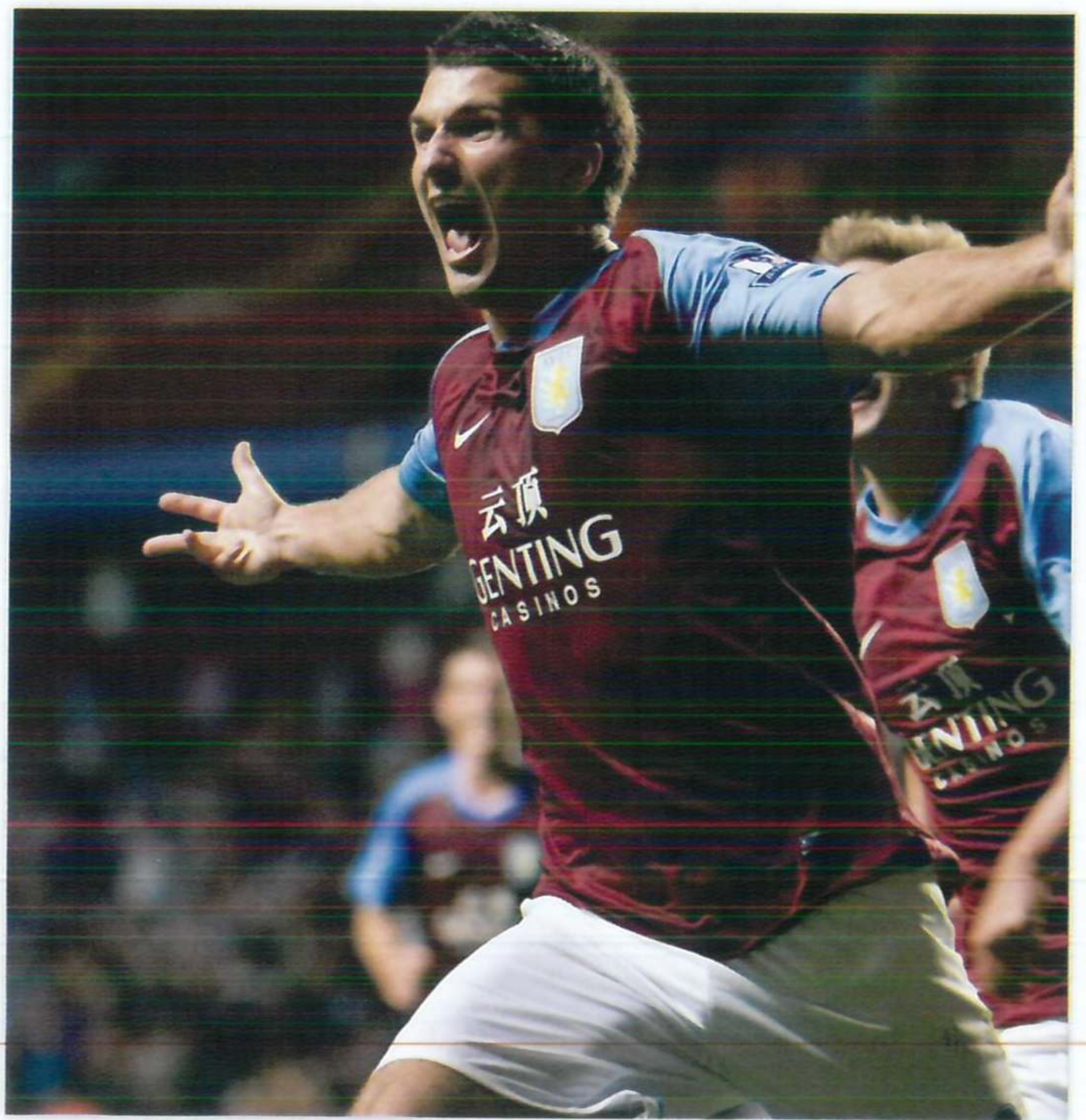
GOOD EVENING EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO VILLA PARK FOR OUR CARLING CUP THIRD ROUND TIE AGAINST BOLTON WANDERERS.

Once again our collective focus has shifted quickly to another important cup tie. Having maintained our unbeaten start to the season, the challenge tonight will be to overcome a team which progressed to the semi-finals of the FA Cup last season.

We know, therefore, that Bolton take seriously their efforts in cup competitions and the same level of commitment and desire to win which has underpinned our performances since the beginning of the season will be required again. Just as we had to make complacency our enemy in our previous tie in this competition against Hereford, conviction must be our friend this evening.

Two of the younger lads, Eric Lichaj and Nathan Delfouneso, stepped up to secure the goals against Hereford and, with one or two injury concerns going into this game, the onus will fall on one or two others to step up to the plate again. But this is a positive thing, for it provides other players with a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge for these players will be to demonstrate in front of a partisan Villa crowd that they are well capable of competing strongly for a first team place.

We welcome Owen Coyle and Bolton Wanderers Football Club to Villa Park and we want to exploit fully our home advantage tonight.



Obviously, there is huge motivation to succeed in front of our home supporters and our objective is crystal clear. We want to progress as far as we can in every single competition in which we're involved and tonight's tie presents us with a real challenge.

I know that our supporters will play their part - so will we by giving everything for the club tonight. Enjoy the game.



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SEEING STARS!

Chris Herd got in three headers in our recent home match against Wolves – plus one he would prefer to forget.

Lunging in to try and connect with Charles N'Zogbia's inswinging corner, the Australian full-back succeeded only in banging his head against a post.

"It didn't knock me out but I was seeing stars for a while," he said. "I saw the ball and then I saw the post. I thought I'm in trouble here! I was a bit shaken but I was okay after a while."

Herd may have found the collision a little less painful if he hadn't shed his long, flowing locks.

"I've always had long hair but I thought it was time to get it off," he said. "It wasn't a case of anyone telling me to get it cut, or doing it for a bet. I just did it on a whim."

Herd's display against Wolves earned him a sponsors' man-of-the-match award, although he was aware his time in the starting line-up may be brief.

Despite his excellent performance in the goalless draw, he was realistic enough to know manager Alex McLeish would be looking for an experienced replacement for the departed Luke Young.

So it proved when Villa signed Alan Hutton on transfer deadline day. While the arrival of the Scotland international may restrict Herd's Barclays Premier League action for the time being, though, the youngster is likely to play an important role in the club's Carling Cup bid.

He helped Villa to a second round victory over Hereford United and hopes to be involved

A hairy moment for Chris

again against Bolton tonight.

"Hopefully I've done okay," he said. "Now I just want to keep improving and see how things go from there."

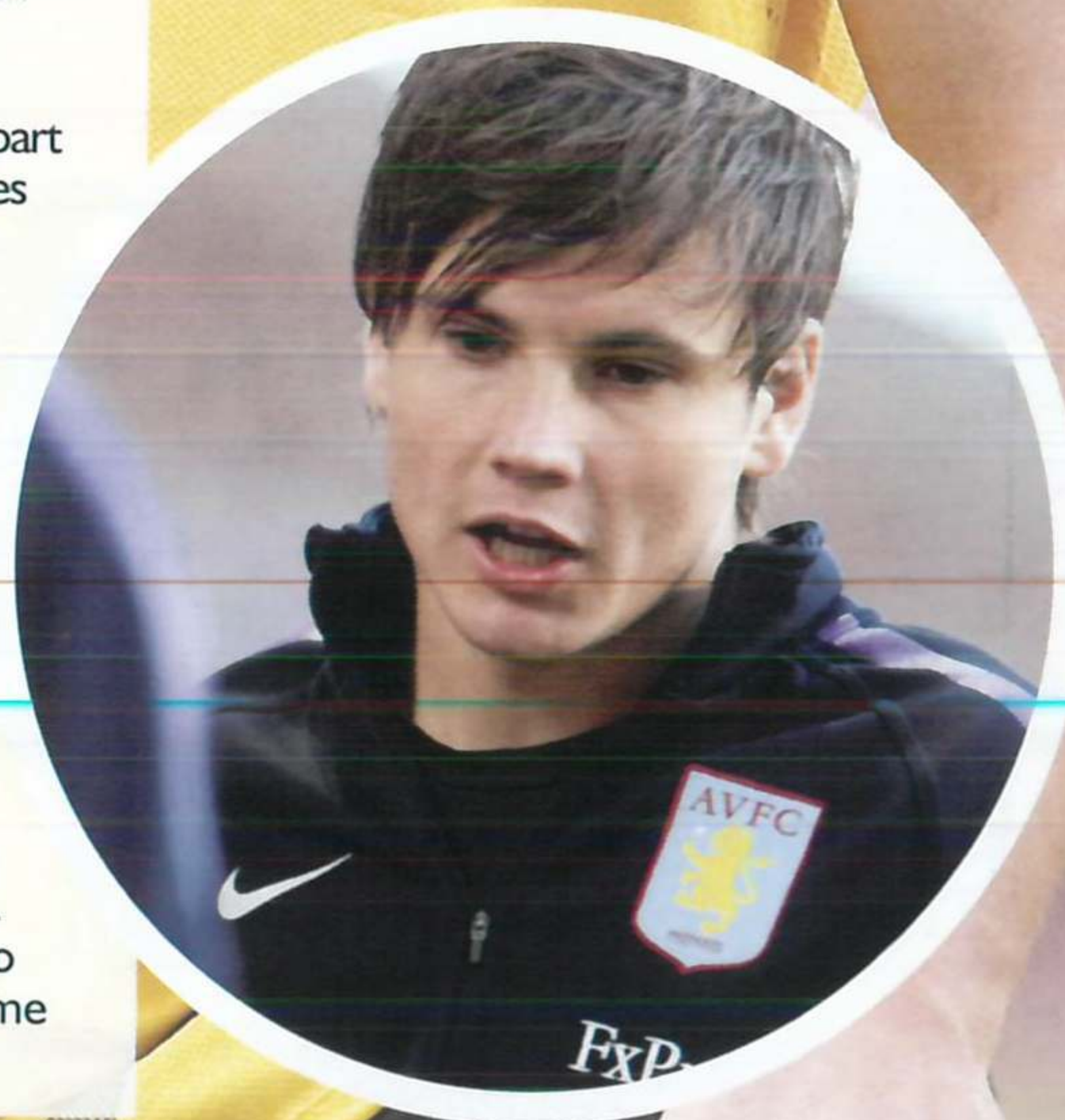
"All I'm doing right now is concentrating on my football and trying to get into the team. I'm here to compete for a place and I intend to keep working hard."

"It was a great feeling to be in the starting line-up against Wolves and to be voted man-of-the-match was a bonus."

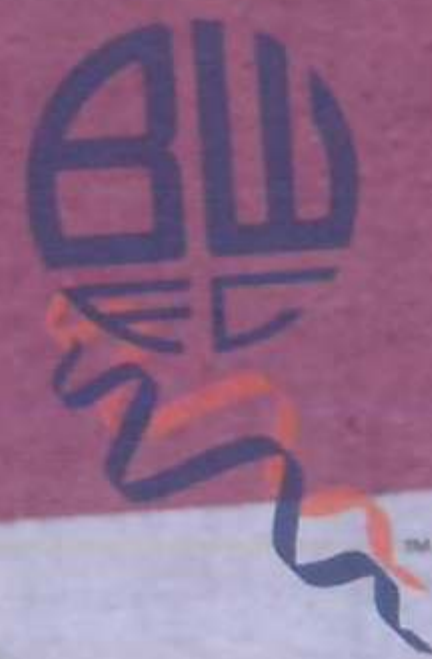
"I like to get forward whenever possible. That's part of the game and our coaches encourage me to get in the box whenever I can. It was good to get in three headers. I thought I was unlucky with the third when the keeper made a nice save."

"Even though we were disappointed not to win it was good to keep a clean sheet. As a defender, that's the first thing you think about, but I enjoyed getting forward and trying to score."

"I was over the moon to be given a chance in a game like that."



SO NEAR YET SO FAR...



Villa and Bolton have previously met only once in the League Cup but what an epic encounter we witnessed.

And if the two-leg semi-final in January 2004 ended in heartbreak for anyone of claret and blue persuasion, it was a classic case of a glorious failure.

While the Trotters went on to lose to Middlesbrough in the final, David O'Leary's men could at least content themselves with the fact they had almost pulled off one of the most dramatic comebacks of football's modern era.

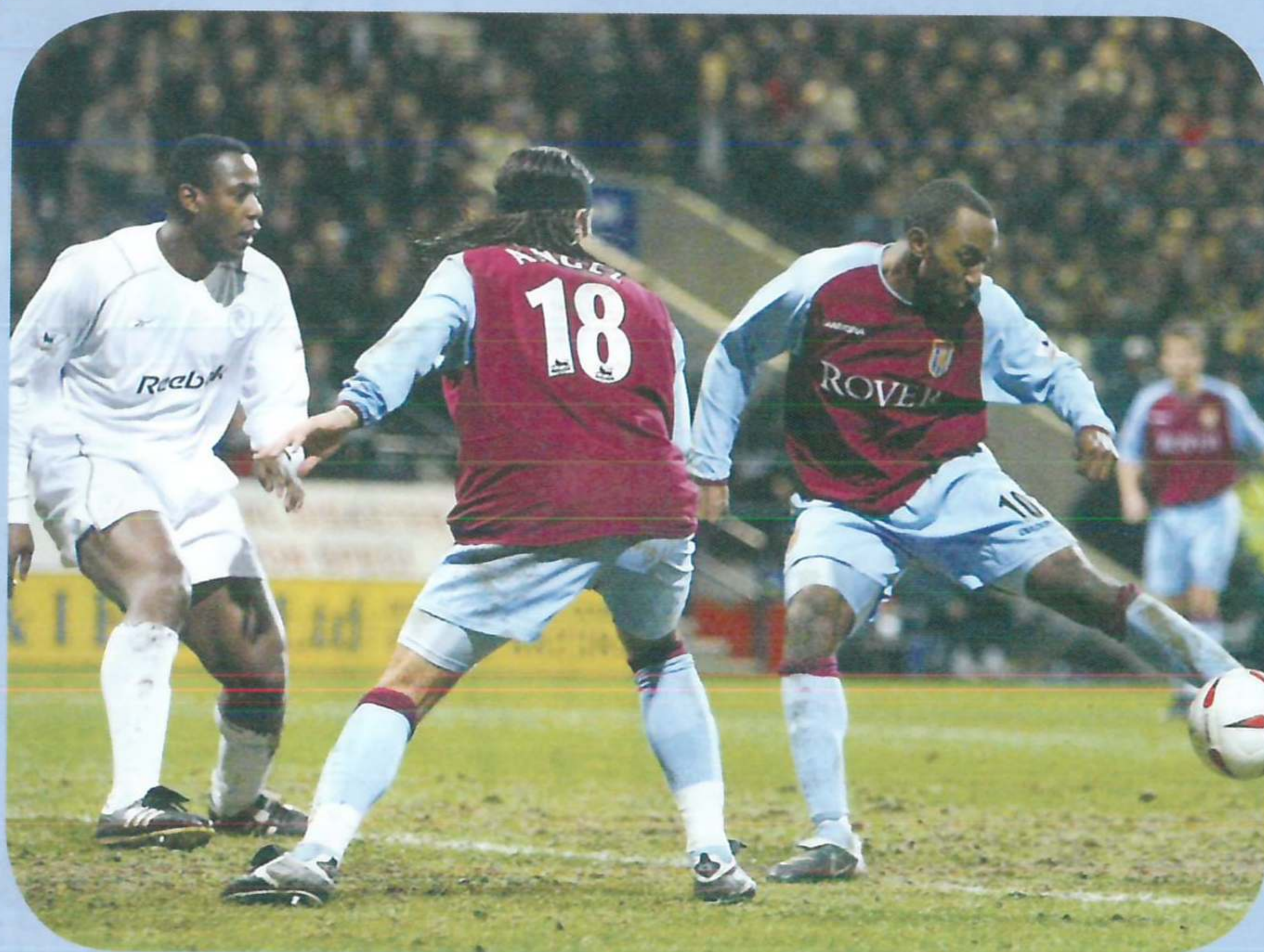
It was almost a case of Mission Impossible when Villa went into the second leg trailing 5-2 from the first game at the Reebok Stadium six days earlier.

Ninety pulsating minutes later they were agonisingly close to sending the tie into extra-time.

German midfielder Thomas Hitzlsperger fired them into a 10th minute lead, sending a 20-yard free-kick over the visitors' defensive wall and into the corner of the net.

And even after Gavin McCann was sent off in the 39th minute for a second bookable offence, the claret and blue





troops charged forward relentlessly.

Even with 10 men, they had Bolton on the ropes throughout the second half as home supporters generated a volume level not heard at Villa Park for a long time.

It was just a pity that Illoyd Samuel's 88th-minute angled drive came too late to alter the outcome.

If a 5-4 aggregate defeat was no disgrace, though, Villa's players were only too aware that they had let themselves down at the Reebok.

Three-down inside 18 minutes to goals from Jay-Jay Okocha, Kevin Nolan and Stelios, they had battled back bravely, Juan Pablo Angel reducing the deficit with a cross-shot which sneaked inside the far post and a scrambled effort on 56 minutes.

At that juncture you wouldn't have bet against Villa grabbing an equaliser but all their good work was undone when Bruno N'Gotty headed home on 74 minutes and Okocha fired a bullet free-kick inside Thomas Sorensen's near post 10 minutes from the end.

That left Villa with a mountain to climb. They only just failed to reach the summit.

CARLING CUP SEMI-FINAL

1ST LEG

BOLTON 5 VILLA 2
21ST JANUARY 2004
ATTENDANCE 16,302

BOLTON: JAASKELAINEN; BARNES (CHARLTON, 63), N'GOTTY, THOME, HUNT; STELIOS (PEDERSEN, 69), NOLAN, CAMPO, DJORKAEFF (BA, 84); DAVIES, OKOCHA.

SCORERS: OKOCHA 2, NOLAN, STELIOS, N'GOTTY.

VILLA: SORENSEN; DELANEY, DUBLIN, MELLBERG (JOHNSON, 54), SAMUEL; HENDRIE, McCANN, BARRY, WHITTINGHAM; ANGEL, VASSELL (ALLBACK, 78).
SCORER: ANGEL 2

2nd LEG

VILLA 2 BOLTON 0
27TH JANUARY 2004
ATTENDANCE 36,883

VILLA: SORENSEN; DELANEY, DUBLIN, MELLBERG, SAMUEL; HENDRIE (WHITTINGHAM, 49), McCANN, HITZLSPERGER, BARRY; CROUCH, VASSELL.

SCORERS: HITZLSPERGER, SAMUEL.

BOLTON: JAASKELAINEN; CHARLTON (BARNES, 68), N'GOTTY, THOME, HUNT; STELIOS, FRANDSEN (MORENO, 88), CAMPO, DJORKAEFF (PEDERSEN, 79); BA, DAVIES.



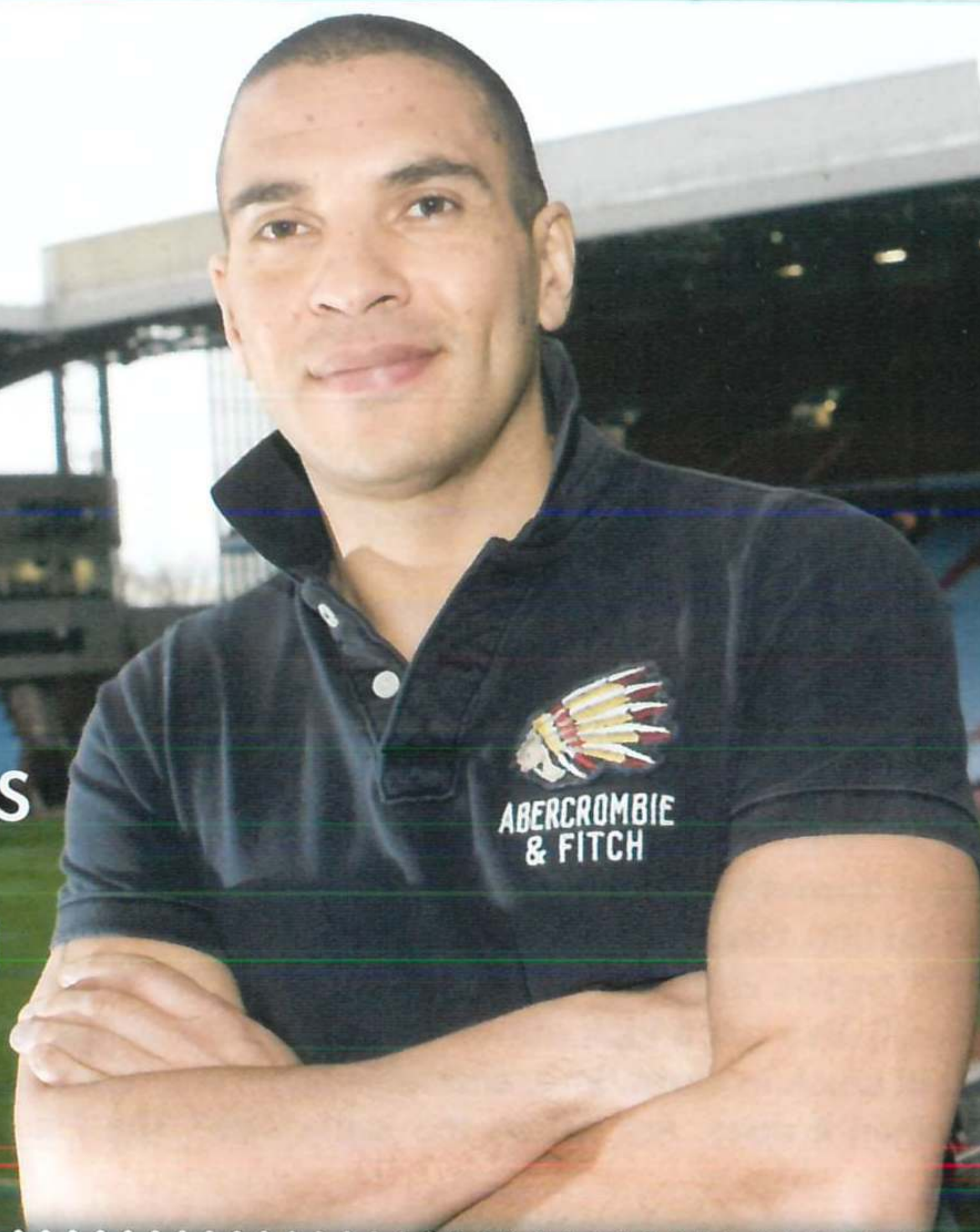
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STAN THE MAN

STAN COLLYMORE WRITES EXCLUSIVELY FOR VILLA FANS

Villa must overcome top flight opponents if they are to make the fourth round of the Carling Cup – but I reckon I can give them a helping hand.

I've covered two of Bolton's recent games, away to Liverpool and at home to Manchester United. And although losing both games was certainly no disgrace, I'm sure their manager Owen Coyle will be concerned about the margins of defeat.

After going down 3-1 at Anfield, the Trotters were on the receiving end of a 5-0 drubbing by United at the Reebok Stadium. And both Liverpool and United employed a tactic which Villa might do well to consider tonight.

Whenever Jussi Jaaskelainen had the ball on the edge of his penalty area and looked to get it forward to Kevin Davies, Liverpool, in particular made sure Lucas was virtually standing on the Bolton keeper's toes.

It worked well because that supply was cut off. As a result, Liverpool dominated possession and so did United in the following game.

So it might be worth Villa getting one of their midfielders to do something similar tonight.

It's certainly one way of starving Davies of any service, which means he is unable to bring players like his strike partner Ivan Klasnic or wide man Martin Petrov into the game.

~~Teams who can do that will always have a chance against Bolton~~ because it disrupts their rhythm.

You can't always guarantee it will work, of course, but I reckon it's worth a try in a one-off cup match.

Considering Bolton started the season so well, with a thumping 4-0 win at QPR, they seemed to be lacking in confidence in both those games, and hopefully it will be a similar story tonight.

Although I would have preferred Villa to be facing a team from a lower division, I feel Alex McLeish's men should have enough to see them through.

I would imagine both Villa and Bolton will both introduce a few fringe players into tonight's line-ups, and that's perfectly understandable.

As I said before the second round tie against Hereford, Villa are a club who like to promote youth and these games provide a perfect opportunity to do just that.

But it's vital for the more senior players to ensure that those youngsters who come into the side are focused on the job in hand and that's what happened in the last round.

Eric Lichaj (pictured) and Chris Herd both acquitted themselves extremely well, with Lichaj opening the scoring. And two of the substitutes combined well for the second goal, with Andreas

Weimann nodding down for Nathan Delfouneso to

tap in from close range.

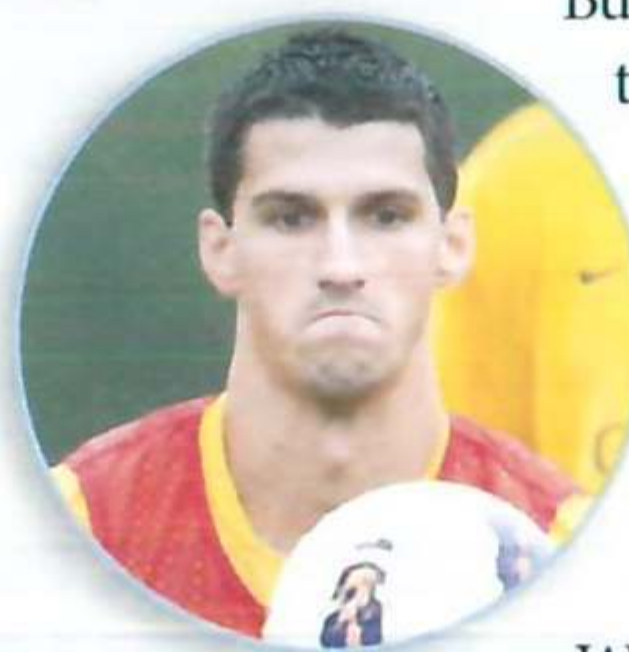
A repeat tonight would do very nicely.

A new DVD is due for release next month, featuring Villa's best line-up during the Premier League era.

I've been given a sneak preview of the players who have been selected, and without giving too much away I have to say the panel have come up with the right choices.

The only area where I would have made a change is in goal, replacing Mark Bosnich with Brad Friedel.

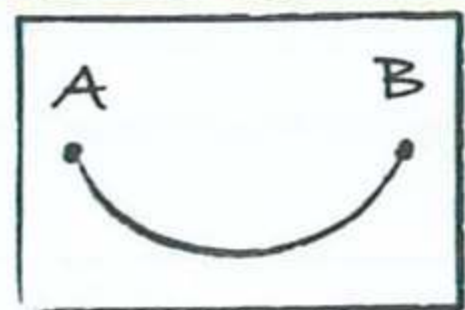
Bozzie was a great keeper but for sheer consistency I don't think Villa have had anyone better than Friedel between the posts since Jimmy Rimmer and Nigel Spink.





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GABBY

AGBONLAHOR

ANSWERS SOME OFFBEAT POSERS...

Who is the best-dressed player at the club? Me!

Who is the team's king of the jokers?

Emile Heskey. You might not think it, but he winds everyone up.

What is your ideal day off?

I always enjoy Sundays when we've had a game on a Saturday. I really look forward to Sunday dinner and relaxing with my family.

Did you play any other sports as a youngster?

Athletics. My event was 200m, although I don't have a clue about my best time.

Who is the best Villa player on the dance floor?

None of the boys can really dance – but Petrov is the worst of the lot!

What was the first CD you bought?

I'm not sure but it was probably something by Jay-Z. I like his music.

You're Villa's oldest-serving player. Do you give advice to the other

lads?

Not really. They all know what they're doing.

Do you have any phobias?

Snakes!

What was your favourite subject at school?

History and PE.

What was your first car?

A VW golf.

What's your favourite film?

Law Abiding Citizen. I like action films and war films.

Do you pray?

I used to when I was young. I don't pray so much now, but now and again I do.

Who is the funnier, Ant or Dec?

I don't find them funny at all.

A glass of wine or a pint of lager?

I don't drink beer so it would have to be wine.

Which player did you look up to as a youngster?

Thierry Henry.



INTRODUCING TODAY'S OPPOSITION

BOLTON

HONOURS

FA CUP

WINNERS 1923, 1926, 1929, 1958

RUNNERS-UP 1894, 1904, 1953

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

RUNNERS-UP 1995, 2004

FA CHARITY SHIELD

WINNERS 1958

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SECOND DIVISION

(Second tier)

CHAMPIONS 1908-09, 1977-79, 1996-97

RUNNERS-UP 1899-90, 1904-05, 1910-11, 1934-35

PLAY-OFF WINNERS 1995, 2001

FOOTBALL LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION (third tier)

CHAMPIONS 1972-73

RUNNERS-UP 1992-93

FOOTBALL LEAGUE TROPHY

CHAMPIONS 1989

RUNNERS-UP 1986

SPOT LIGHT



After a terrific run in the FA Cup last season, Bolton will no doubt be determined to taste success in the other domestic knockout competition this term.

Owen Coyle's men embarked on a storming run to the semi-finals in the FA Cup where they suffered a painful 5-0 defeat to Stoke City at Wembley Stadium.

But despite that heavy loss, the Trotters' progress under Coyle has been evident in their performances

over the last 18 months.

The former Burnley boss has overseen a change in philosophy at the Reebok Stadium with Bolton becoming among the most attractive sides to watch in the top flight. Some shrewd signings such as winger Chris Eagles from Burnley, former Villa midfielder Nigel Reo-Coker and ex-Liverpool striker David Ngog should boost the Trotters' chances of improving on last season's 14th place finish in the Barclays Premier League.

THREE OF THE BEST



THE MANAGER

Bolton's status as a firmly-established top-flight club is largely down to the work of Sam Allardyce who

was boss between 1999 and 2007. He gradually transformed the club from second tier also-rans to European chasers, as well as reaching the 2004 Carling Cup final.



THE PLAYER

Nat Lofthouse's record of 255 goals from 452 appearance speaks for itself. Born and bred in Bolton, Lofthouse spent his entire 14-year professional career

with his hometown club, between 1946 and 1960. He scored two goals and lifted the FA Cup when the Trotters defeated Manchester United in 1958.



THE GAME

The route of Bolton's resurgence as a top-flight club was the 2001 play-off final when they defeated Preston 3-0 at the Millennium

Stadium. Stalwart Ricardo Gardner (pictured) rounded off the scoring after Gareth Farrelly and Michael Ricketts established a two-goal lead.

MANAGER:
Owen Coyle
FOUNDED: 1874
NICKNAMES: The Trotters
GROUND: Reebok Stadium
LAST SEASON
PREMIER LEAGUE: 14th
FA CUP: Semi-finals
LEAGUE CUP: Third round

LAST FIVE GAMES

Aug 21	H	Manchester City	Premier League	2-3
Aug 24	H	Macclesfield	League Cup	2-1
Aug 27	A	Liverpool	Premier League	1-3
Sep 10	H	Manchester United	Premier League	0-5
Sep 17	H	Norwich City	Premier League	1-2

INS AND OUTS

IN: Darren Pratley (Swansea City, free), Nigel Reo-Coker (Aston Villa, free), Chris Eagles (Burnley, undisclosed), Tyrone Mears (Burnley, undisclosed), David Ngog (Liverpool, undisclosed), Tuncay Sanli (Wolfsburg, loan), Dedryck Boyata (Manchester City, loan), Gael Kakuta (Chelsea, loan).

OUT: Illoyd Samuel (released), Joey O'Brien (West Ham United, free), Tamir Cohen (Maccabi Haifa, free), Johan Elmander (Galatasaray, free), Sam Sheridan (Stockport County, free), Ali Al-Habsi (Wigan Athletic, undisclosed), Danny Ward (Huddersfield Town, undisclosed), Matthew Taylor (West Ham United, undisclosed), Rhys Bennett (Falkirk, loan).



The manager OWEN COYLE

Born: 14.07.66 in Paisley, Scotland

PLAYING CAREER

1985-88 Dumbarton
1988-90 Clydebank
1990-93 Airdrieonians
1993-95 Bolton Wanderers
1995-97 Dundee United
1997-99 Motherwell
1999-2001 Dunfermline
2000-01 Ross County (loan)
2001-02 Airdrieonians
2002-03 Falkirk
2003-04 Dundee United
2003-04 Airdrie (loan)
2004-05 Airdrie United
2005-07 St Johnstone

MANAGERIAL CAREER

2003 Falkirk
2005-07 St Johnstone
2007-10 Burnley
2010- Bolton Wanderers

It didn't take Owen Coyle long to win over the Bolton Wanderers fans with his commitment to playing attractive attacking football.

Coyle left Burnley in 2010 to return to the club he once served as a player and was quick to impose his footballing philosophies on the club.

The results were instant too. The Scotsman steered Bolton away from the drop zone in his first season before guiding them to the semi-finals of the FA Cup last term. Coyle worked wonders north of the



border, beginning his managerial journey at St Johnstone.

A year after taking charge, he guided them to second place in the First Division and the semi-finals of both domestic cup competitions.

Burnley came calling and during his spell at Turf Moor, Coyle masterminded wins over Arsenal and Chelsea en route to the semi-finals

of the Carling Cup and guided the Clarets to promotion following a Championship play-off final victory over Sheffield United.

STAR MAN

GARY CAHILL

DEFENDER

DOB 19.12.85

NATIONALITY ENGLISH

Bolton's biggest success of the August transfer window was undoubtedly keeping hold of Gary Cahill.

The classy central defender, who honed his skills in Villa's highly-respected academy before switching to the Reebok Stadium in January 2008, has demonstrated his importance at both ends of the pitch this season.



Cahill's long-range rocket on the opening day of the campaign against Queens Park Rangers was an early goal of the season contender and he followed it up with his first England

goal in the recent Euro 2012 qualifier against Bulgaria.

Those strikes along with some terrific defensive displays have shown exactly why some of the Premier League's top clubs have reportedly expressed an interest in Cahill.

But, of course, it is another wonder goal that the Sheffield-born stopper is best known for in these parts.

In 2004, Cahill netted with a stunning volley in a Villa victory over local rivals Birmingham City. He turned the tables on his former club last season, scoring a brace in Bolton's 3-2 victory over Villa at the Reebok Stadium.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

JUSSI JAASKELAINEN

GOALKEEPER

DOB 19.04.75

NATIONALITY FINNISH

Jaaskelainen arrived at Bolton in 1997 from Vaasan Palloseura and has since made more than 450 appearances for the Trotters. The goalkeeper is also a veteran at international level with 56 caps for Finland.

DEDRYK BOYATA

DEFENDER

DOB 28.11.90

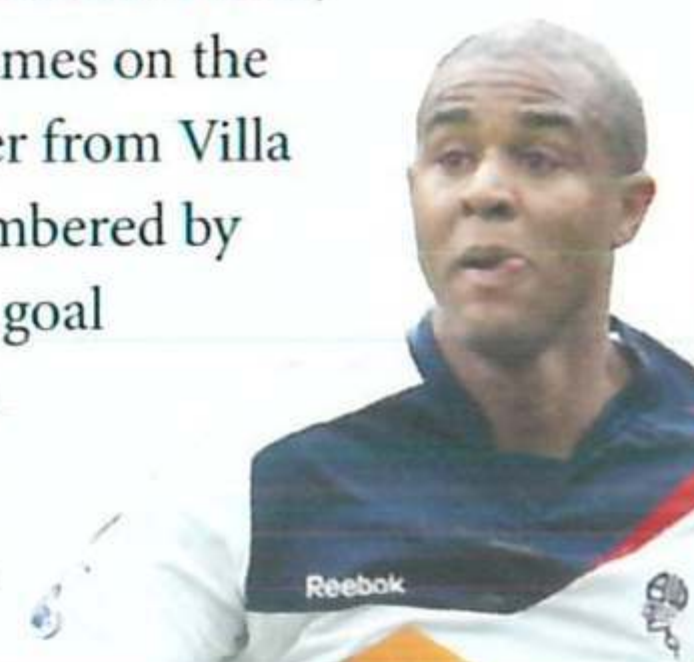
NATIONALITY BELGIAN

On-loan Manchester City defender Boyata is hoping to gain some valuable top-flight experience during his temporary stint at the Reebok Stadium. He joined City's youth academy from Brussels in 2006 and went on to make his first team debut at Eastlands three years later.

ZAT KNIGHT DEFENDER

DOB 02.05.80 NATIONALITY ENGLISH

Another former Villa man in the Trotters ranks, Knight has been one of the first names on the Bolton team sheet since his transfer from Villa Park in July 2009. He is best remembered by Villa fans for two super strikes – a goal on his debut in August 2007 and a stunning volleyed equaliser in a 2-2 draw against Arsenal.



PAUL ROBINSON

DEFENDER

DOB 14.12.78

NATIONALITY ENGLISH

Whole-hearted defender Robinson won promotions with West Bromwich Albion and Watford before going on to become an established Barclays Premier League full-back with Bolton. The former England U21 international was named Players' Player of the Year for his performances last term.

DAVID WHEATER

DEFENDER

DOB 14.02.87

NATIONALITY ENGLISH

This 6ft 5in defender became one of the most coveted defenders in the country following some classy performances for Middlesbrough. He captained the Teessiders and represented them in Europe before moving to the Reebok Stadium in January 2011.

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CHRIS EAGLES
MIDFIELDER

DOB 19.11.85

NATIONALITY **ENGLISH**

Eagles and team-mate Tyrone Mears joined Bolton in a double transfer swoop from Burnley this summer. The talented attacking midfielder was a key figure for Coyle at Turf Moor and will be hoping to replicate that success at the Reebok Stadium this term.

TUNCAY SANLI
FORWARD

DOB 16.01.82

NATIONALITY **TURKISH**

Tuncay became Owen Coyle's fifth signing of the summer when he joined on a season-long loan from German side Wolfsburg. The skilful striker has bags of Premier League experience having spent time at Stoke City and Middlesbrough.

KEVIN DAVIES
FORWARD

DOB 26.03.77

NATIONALITY **ENGLISH**

Davies has produced the best football of his career since joining Bolton from Southampton in 2003. He may not be the most prolific in front of goal but the former Chesterfield, Southampton and Blackburn Rovers striker has been a nuisance to Premier League defences down the years.

NIGEL REO-COKER
MIDFIELDER

DOB 14.05.84

NATIONALITY **ENGLISH**

Midfield general Reo-Coker ended his four-year association with Villa when he joined Bolton on a free transfer in the summer. The former England U21 skipper made 123 appearances for the claret and blues following his move from West Ham United back in 2007.

MARK DAVIES
MIDFIELDER

DOB 18.02.88

NATIONALITY **ENGLISH**

Highly-rated Davies joined Bolton in 2009 from Wolverhampton Wanderers, where he came through the youth ranks. He had a vital role in Bolton's midfield last term and scored the club's goal of the season in a 2-2 draw against Blackpool.

IVAN KLASNIC
FORWARD

DOB 29.01.80

NATIONALITY **CROATIAN**

This Croatian international re-signed for Bolton on a permanent basis in summer 2010 following a successful loan spell from Nantes. He scored the vital winner against Villa in a 3-2 victory for the Trotters last term. Klasnic made a storming start to 2011-12 with three goals from his first four starts.

GAEL KAKUTA
FORWARD

DOB 21.06.91

NATIONALITY **FRENCH**

Owen Coyle bolstered his attacking options on transfer deadline day by bringing in France youth international Kakuta from Chelsea. The 20-year-old, who began his youth career at Lens, spent the second half of last season on loan at Fulham.

DAVID NGOG
FORWARD

DOB 01.04.89

NATIONALITY **FRENCH**

Ngog is determined to make an impact on the Premier League stage at Bolton after dropping down the pecking order towards the end of his three-year stay at Liverpool. The former Paris St Germain striker managed eight goals from 38 appearances at Anfield last season.

MARTIN PETROV
MIDFIELD

DOB 15.01.79

NATIONALITY **BULGARIAN**

Skilful wideman Petrov has a wealth of top level experience having played for Manchester City, German side Wolfsburg and Spanish club Atletico Madrid. As well as creating lots of chances, Petrov has an eye for goal and has scored 19 times in 89 appearances for Bulgaria.

CHUNG-YONG LEE
MIDFIELD

DOB 02.07.88

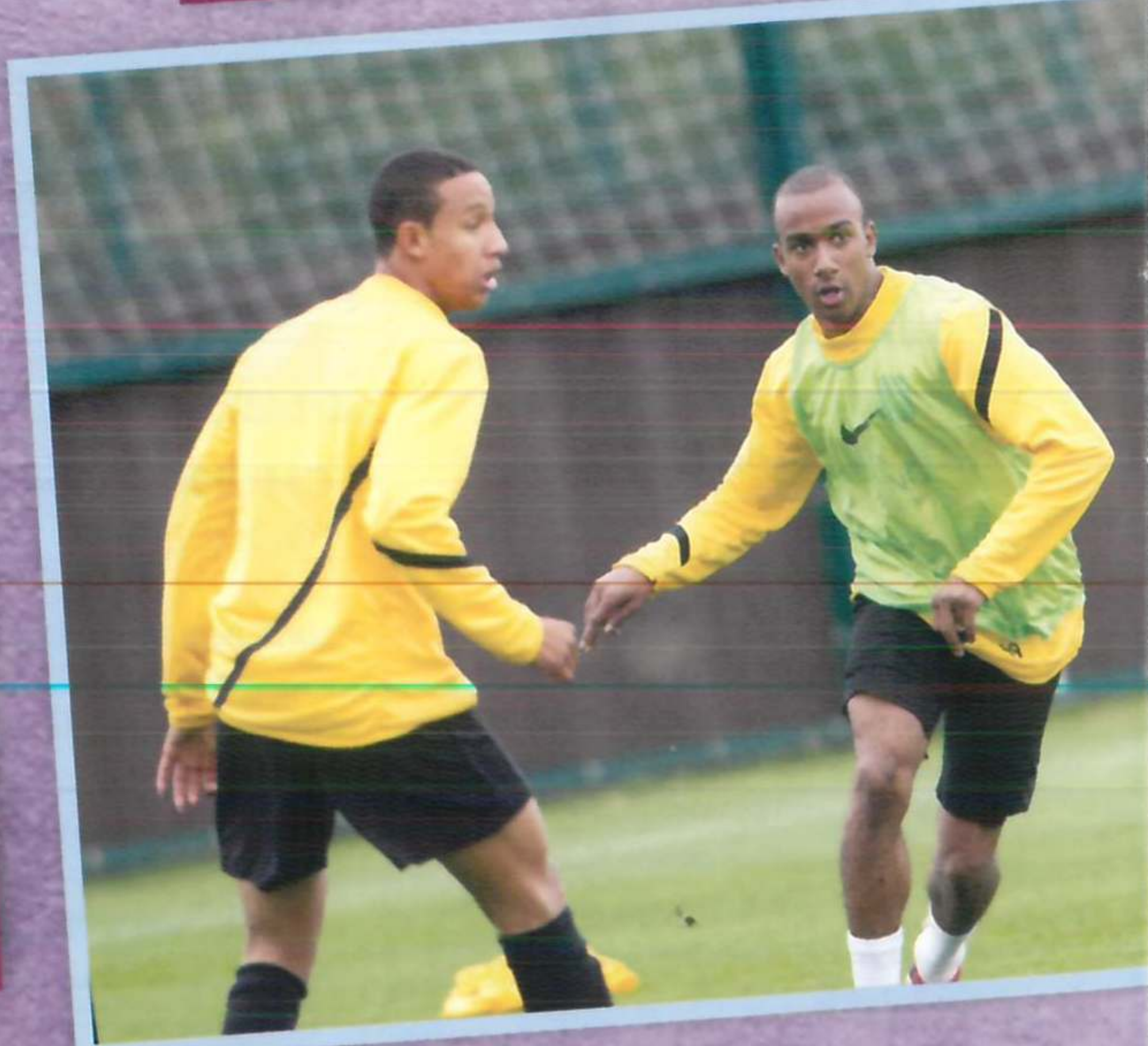
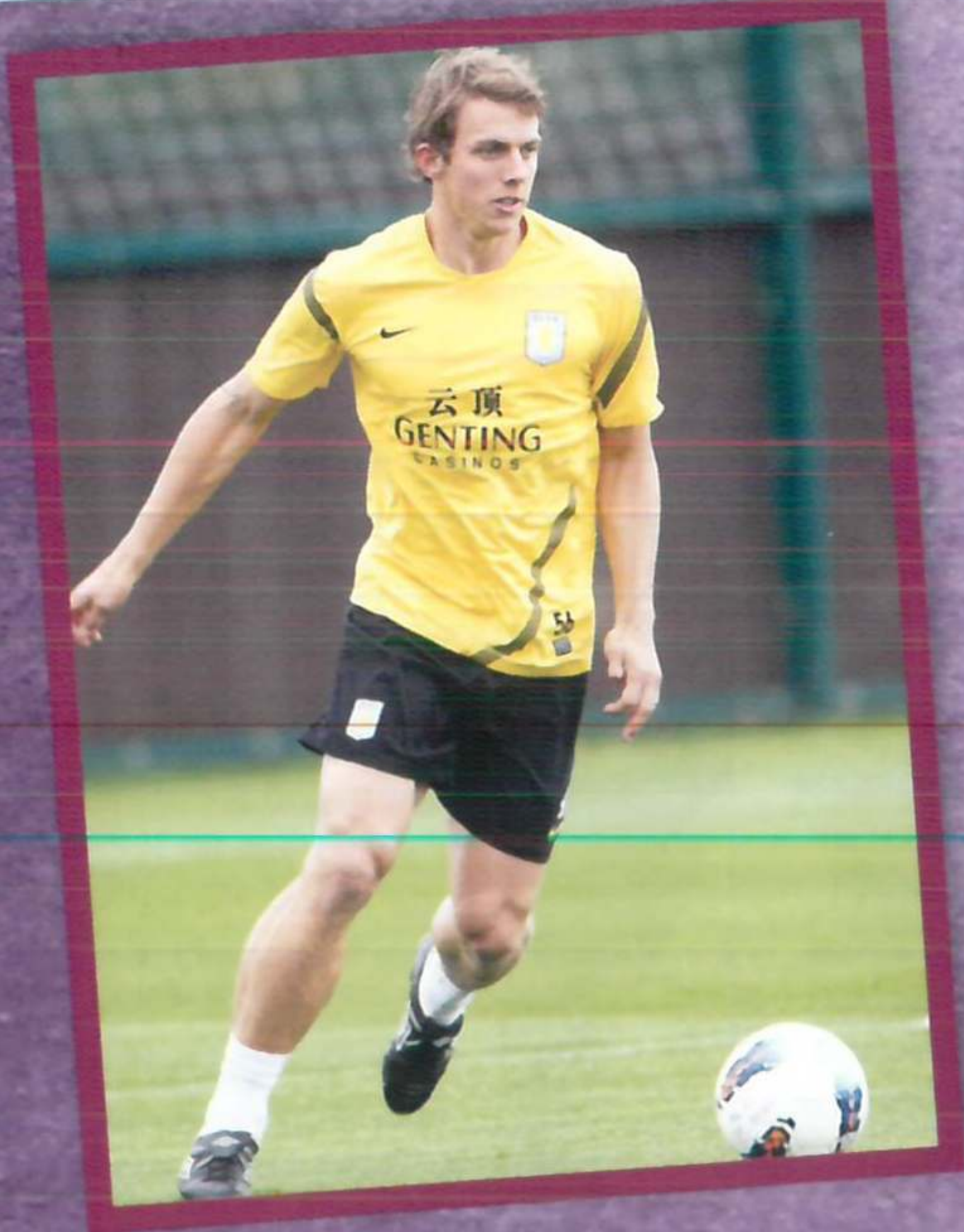
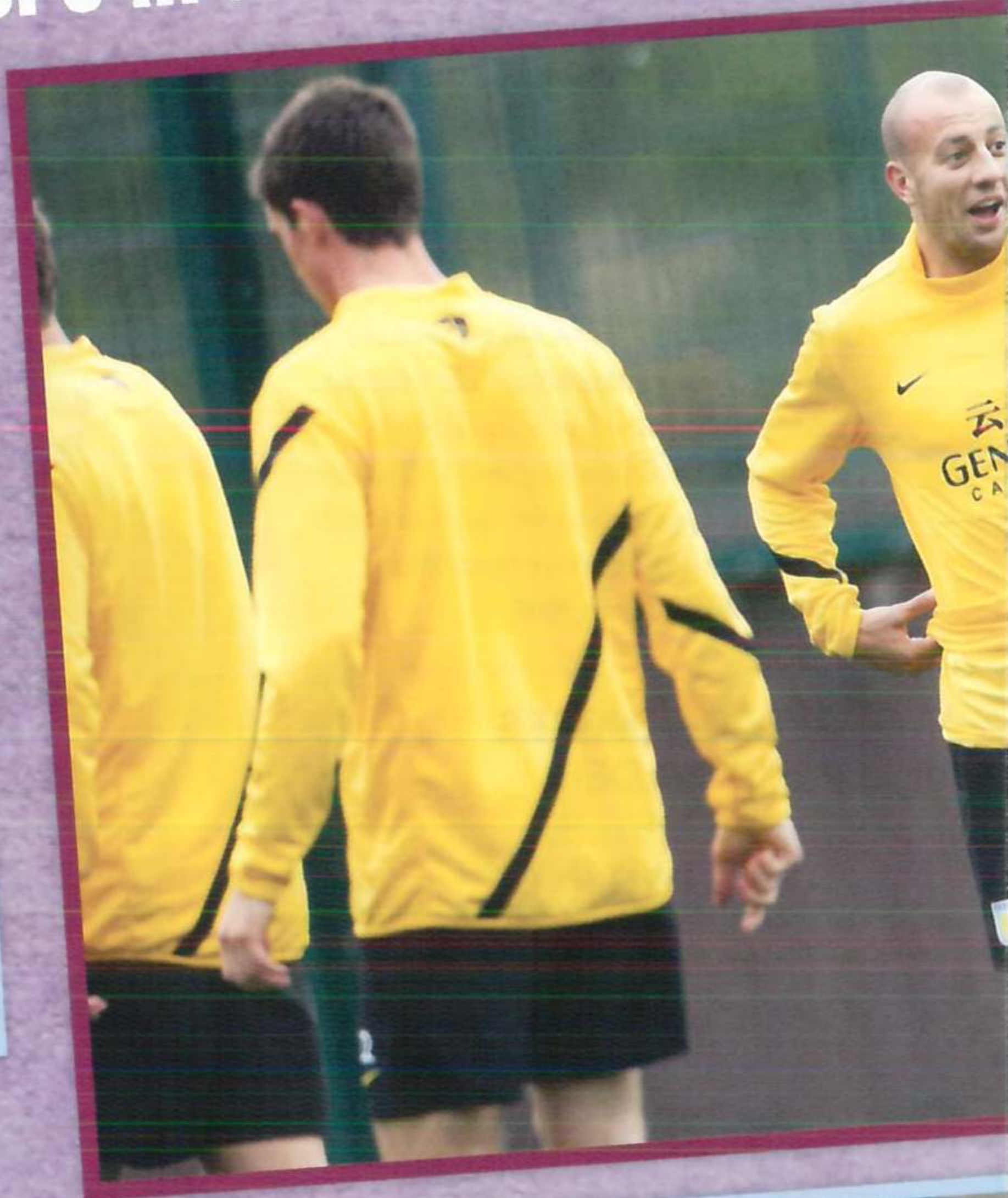
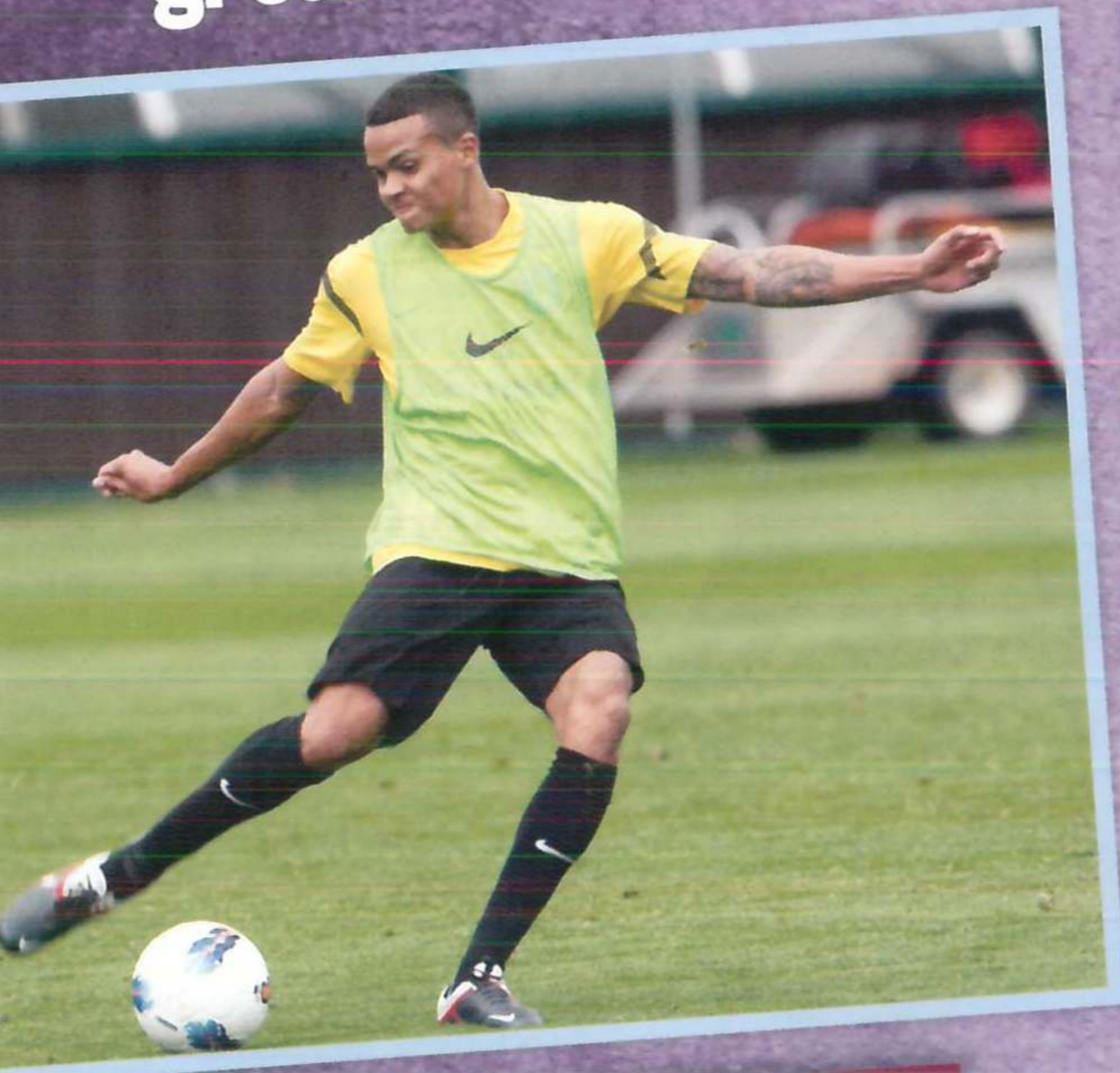
NATIONALITY **SOUTH KOREAN**

Chung-Yong Lee was snapped up from FC Seoul and is considered one of South Korea's top prospects. A tremendous first season in 2009-10 saw him land Bolton's Player of the Year, Players' Player of the Year and best newcomer awards.



THE BODYMOOR

A selection of photos from the training ground. Look out for more in future issues...



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Bon voyage!



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RESULT _____ HALF-TIME SCORE _____ ATT. _____

MY MAN OF THE MATCH _____

REFEREE _____

BOLTON WANDERERS



STARTING XI

SUBS

TIME

- 01 ADAM BOGDAN (GK)
- 02 GRETAR RAFN STEINSSON
- 03 MARCOS ALONSO
- 04 PAUL ROBINSON
- 05 GARY CAHILL
- 06 FABRICE MUAMBA
- 07 CHRIS EAGLES
- 08 STUART HOLDEN
- 09 TUNCAY SANLI
- 10 MARTIN PETROV
- 11 RICARDO GARDNER
- 12 ZAT KNIGHT
- 14 KEVIN DAVIES
- 16 MARK DAVIES
- 17 IVAN KLASNIC
- 18 SAMUEL RICKETTS
- 19 NIGEL REO-COKER
- 20 ROBBIE BLAKE
- 21 DARREN PRATLEY
- 22 JUSSI JAASKELAINEN (GK)
- 23 SEAN DAVIS
- 24 DAVID NGOG
- 25 DEDRYK BOYATA
- 26 ROB LAINTON (GK)
- 27 CHUNG-YONG LEE
- 28 GAEL KAKUTA
- 31 DAVID WHEATER
- 33 MARK CONNOLLY
- 35 TEMITOPE OBADEYI
- 36 MICHAEL O'HALLORAN
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- 39 JOE RILEY
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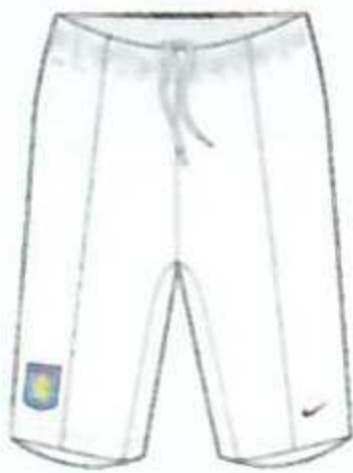
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CARLING CUP 3RD ROUND



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ALAN HUTTON 02
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RICHARD DUNNE 05
JAMES COLLINS 06
STEPHEN IRELAND 07
JERMAINE JENAS 08
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FABIAN DELPH 16
JEAN II MAKOUN 17
EMILE HESKEY 18
STILIYAN PETROV 19
CIARAN CLARK 21
BRAD GUZAN (GK) 22
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STARTING XI

SUBS

TIME

SCORERS

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3 Questions about...

BRAD GUZAN

1

Brad joined us from which American club?

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2

How many penalties did Brad save in our Carling Cup-tie at Sunderland in 2009?

A THREE B FOUR C FIVE

3

TRUE OR FALSE

Brad was a member of the USA squad at the 2008 Olympic Games?



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SPOT THE BALL: 3A. LET'S FACE IT - STEPHEN IRELAND, STILYAN PETROV, BARRY BANNAN. 3 QUESTIONS ABOUT BRAD GUZAN: 1 - A, CHIVAS USA; 2 - B, FOUR (ONE IN THE GAME, THREE IN THE PENALTY SHOOT OUT); 3 - TRUE



RULE OF



Villa have been involved in some compelling third round League Cup ties in recent years.

In 2003, David O'Leary's men found the going tough against Leicester City for long periods but eventually went through the fourth round, courtesy of one of Thomas Hitzlsperger's long-range specials.

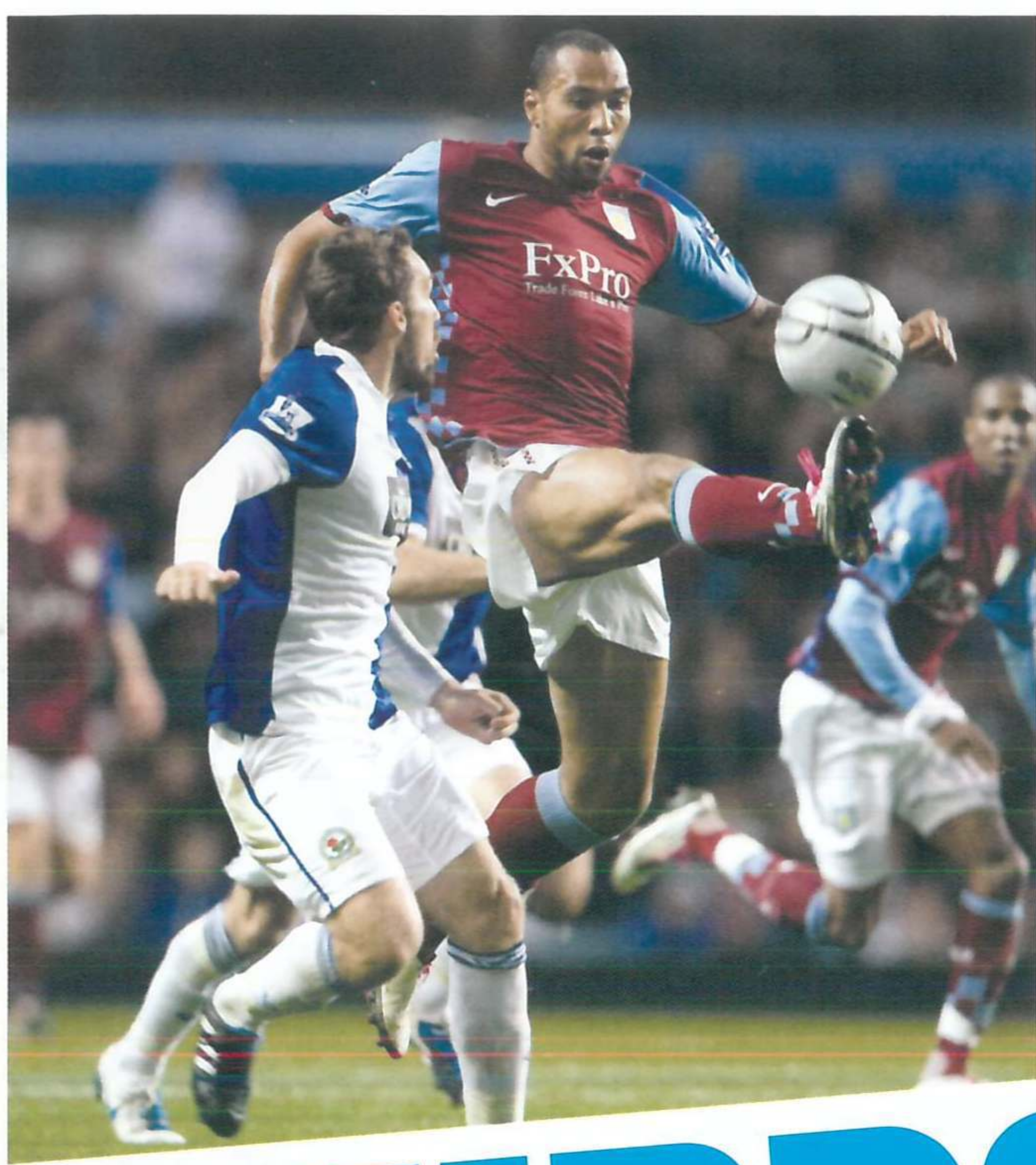
They went on to reach the semi-finals that season, losing 5-4 on aggregate to tonight's opponents Bolton Wanderers, but the following year their interest ended in a 3-1 third round defeat by Burnley at Turf Moor.

Revenge was sweet 12 months later when Kevin Phillips sank the Claret's at Villa Park, and in 2006 Villa were involved in a thriller at the Walkers Stadium.

A late Leicester equaliser took the tie to extra-time after Villa had led 2-1 through Juan Pablo Angel and a Gareth Barry penalty. But just when it looked like penalties would be needed, up popped Gabby Agbonlahor with a 119th-minute winner.

The teams were paired together again the following season, Leicester taking revenge with a 1-0 win at Villa Park and there was further misery in 2008 as QPR beat us 1-0 here.

But we were back to winning ways two years ago, Agbonlahor's cheeky winner against Cardiff City setting us on the road to Wembley and last season we enjoyed a 3-1 success over Blackburn Rovers.



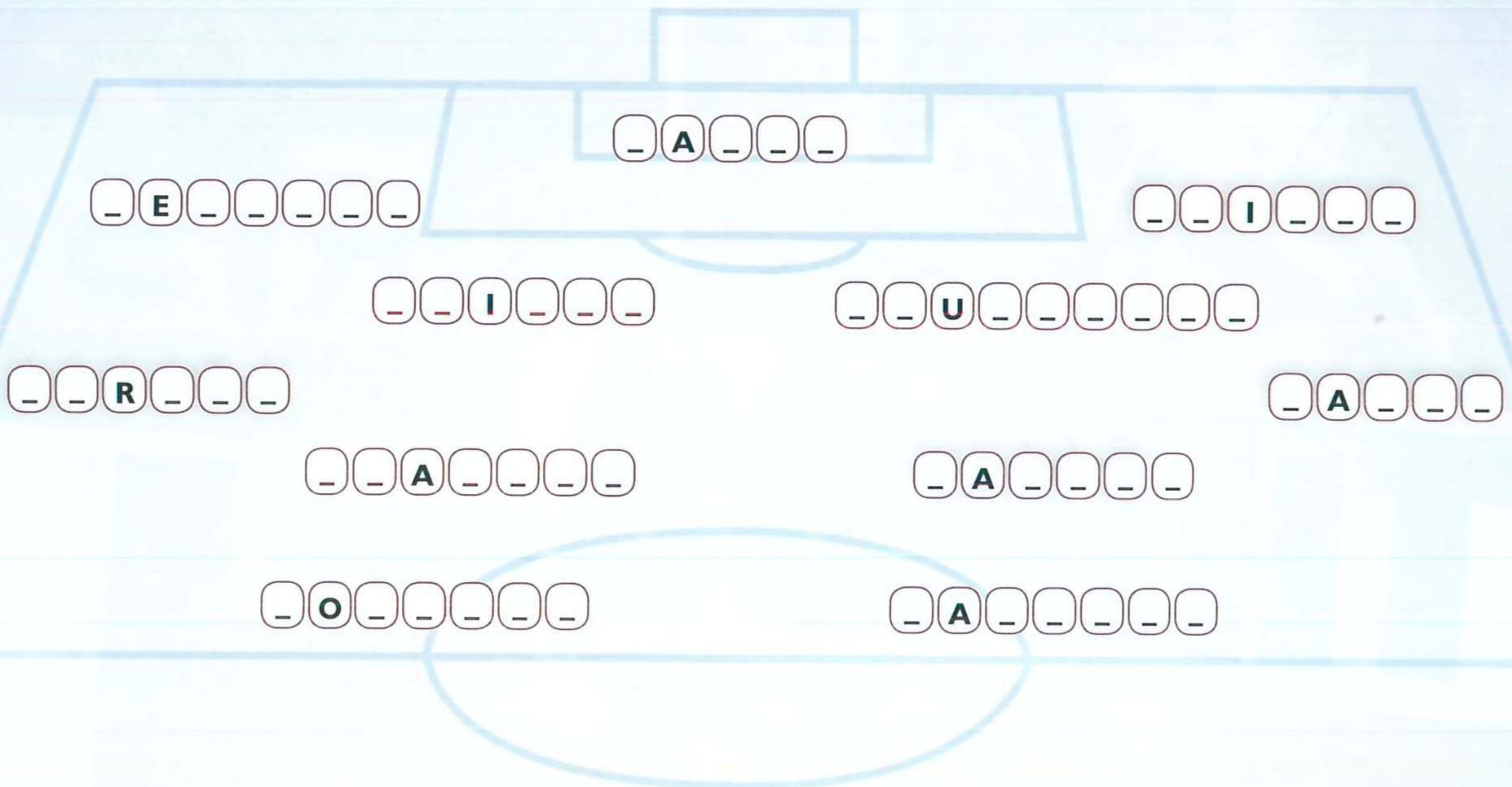
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FA Cup
VENUE:
Wembley Stadium
DATE:
Sunday 2nd
April, 2000



NAME THAT TEAM ANSWERS: (4-4-2) - James: Delaney, Ehiohu, Southgate, Wright; Merson, Boateng, Taylor, Barry; Joachim, Carbone.

BIRTHDAY BOY

This young man has a special reason for wanting Villa to progress to the fourth round of the Carling Cup tonight. It would be the perfect end to Matthew Peckham's 16th birthday.

Alan will be watching the game from the upper tier of the Holte End, along with his dad Stephen and his uncle Alan. His favourite players are



Darren Bent and Nathan Delfouneso, scorer of our second goal in the second round victory over Hereford United.

ALSO PLAYING

Tonight's other third round ties:

ALDERSHOT TOWN v ROCHDALE
ARSENAL v SHREWSBURY TOWN
BLACKBURN ROVERS v LEYTON ORIENT
BURNLEY v MK DONS
CRYSTAL PALACE v MIDDLESBROUGH
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STOKE CITY v TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
WOLVES v MILLWALL

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BRIGHTON v LIVERPOOL
CARDIFF CITY v LEICESTER CITY
CHELSEA v FULHAM
MANCHESTER CITY v BIRMINGHAM CITY
SOUTHAMPTON v PRESTON

ONE

When Ian Taylor hit a left-foot volley past Leeds goalkeeper John Lukic to put Villa two-up in the 1996 final the Holte End hero became the first Birmingham born Villa player to score in a League Cup final. Savo Milosevic had earlier given Villa the lead in spectacular fashion and Dwight Yorke completed the scoring for a 3-0 win.



SIX

Six minutes after replacing injured Nigel Spink in a second round first leg tie match against Birmingham City at St. Andrews in September 1993, substitute goalkeeper Mark Bosnich had to face a penalty. But he saved John Frain's spot kick and Villa went on to win 1-0 on the way lifting the trophy at Wembley against Manchester United the following March.

3 Derek Dougan scored a hat-trick in a 6-1 win against Peterborough United in September 1962 with Tommy Ewing, Harry Burrows and Ron Wylie also on target. George Hudson replied for the visitors. Nine months later Dougan joined Peterborough in a £21,000 deal.

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Thirty-six years after playing their last League Cup-tie in Wales, Villa were back in Wrexham for a second round tie in August 2007. In 1971 the first round replay ended 1-1 and a second replay at The Hawthorns was required before Villa went through. But there was no mistake against the Red Dragons four years ago, a double from Shaun Maloney and a goal each from Luke Moore, Nigel Reo-Coker and Marlon Harewood securing a 5-0 win.

THE NUMBERS GAME

FOUR

Simon Stainrod scored four goals when making his Villa debut at Exeter City as Villa won 4-1 in a second round first-leg tie in September 1985. Stainrod, who had joined the club the previous day from Sheffield Wednesday, was also on target in the second leg as Villa went on to register a 12-2 aggregate win.



55 Alan McNally was 55 yards from goal when he set off on a run against Millwall in a third round tie in November 1988. The striker shrugged off challenges from three defenders before firing the ball past Brian Horne in the visitors goal to put Villa ahead and secure his place in Villa folklore with one of the most spectacular goals of the season. Four minutes earlier McNally had equalised with a low cross-shot after Neil Ruddock had given Millwall the lead. David Platt later scored to complete a 3-1 Villa win.

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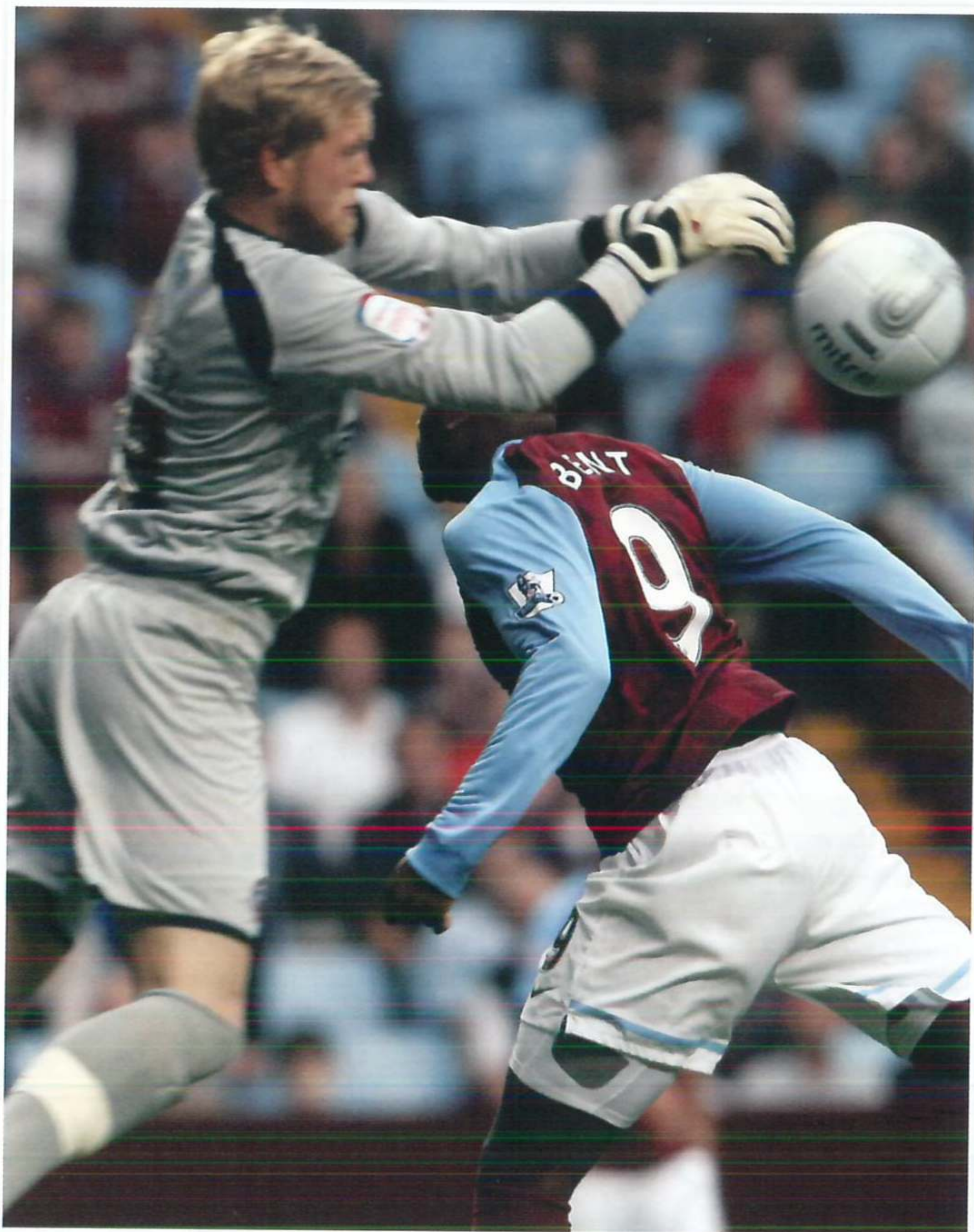
Tony Hateley scored 13 goals in his 13 games for Villa in this competition. The striker netted after 90 seconds in his first Villa League Cup game, a second round tie against Barnsley in September 1963, and his haul included four in a 7-1 fifth-round home win against Bradford City in November of the following year.

16

The youngest player to represent Villa in the competition is Jimmy Brown who was 16 years, 341 days old when he played in a 2-0 second round home win against Burnley in September 1970. Brown made four League Cup appearances that season as Villa went on to reach the final.

330

The number of minutes played by Villa and Everton to decide the League Cup final in 1977. After a goalless draw at Wembley and a 1-1 replay at Hillsborough, Villa won 3-2 at Old Trafford.



WAITING GAME VILLA AND BOL

Both Villa and Bolton were forced to play a waiting game by League Two opposition en route to tonight's third round clash.

While it took Alex McLeish's men until the 80th minute to break the deadlock against a plucky Hereford United side, the Trotters had to come from behind to seal their passage with a win over Macclesfield Town.

While the claret and blues dominated throughout against the Bulls, their efforts were repelled by visiting goalkeeper David Cornell until American full-back Eric Lichaj fired home his first senior goal.

And Villa's League Cup progression was secured two minutes from the end when Nathan Delfouneso scored from close range

– a goal which means the striker has now scored in the top flight, both domestic cup competitions and in Europe.

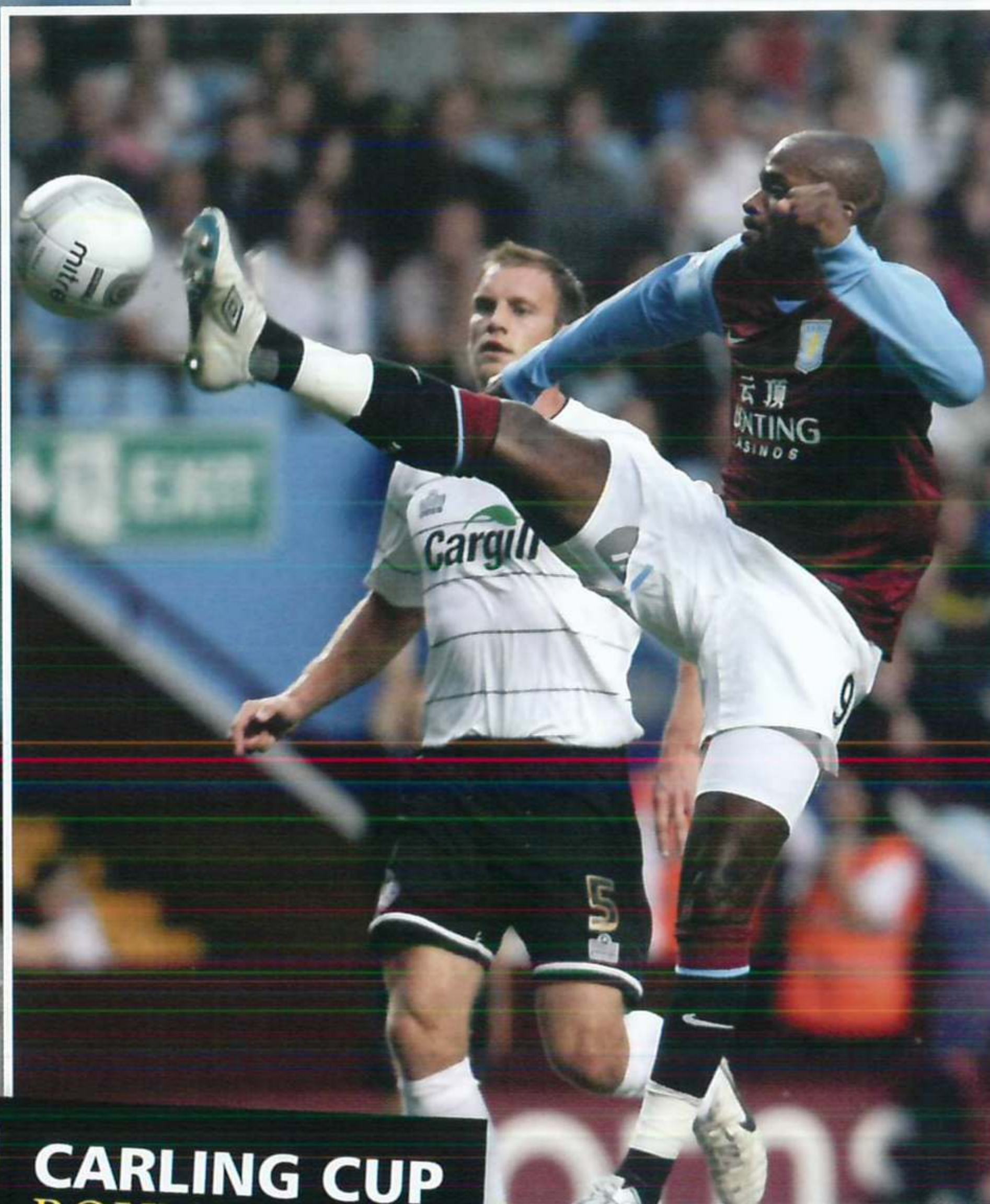
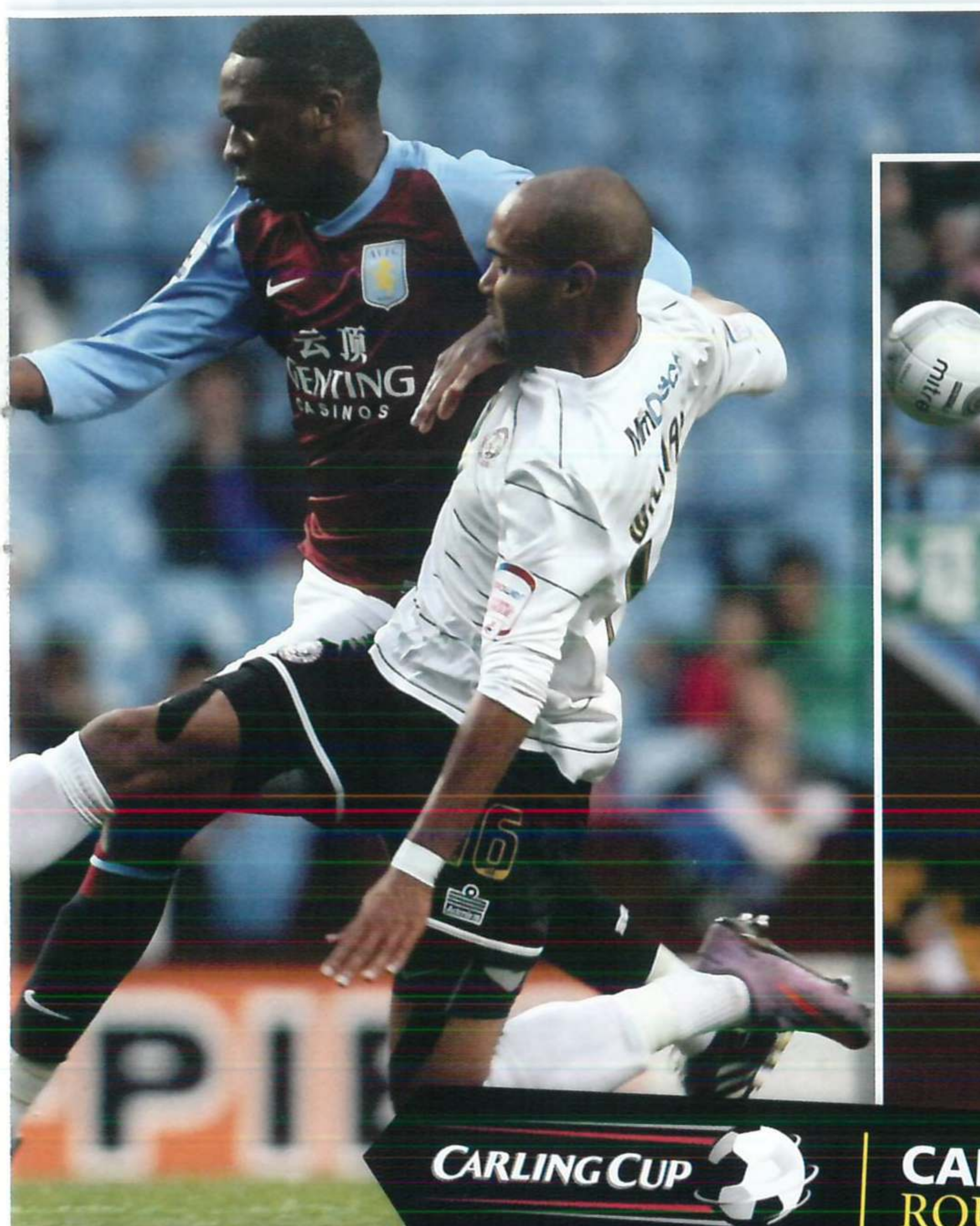
A fringe Bolton side had debutant Tuncay Sanli to thank for masterminding a second round triumph.

Macclesfield took a shock lead through Emile Sinclair on 11 minutes, before the Turk slammed home a cross from 19-year-old Joe Riley in 56 minutes.

And the former Middlesbrough man was inspirational again in the 73rd minute, expertly teeing up Martin Petrov for the winner.

The second round was one to forget for Premier League new boys Swansea and Norwich.

The Swans lost 3-1 to Shrewsbury Town, who recovered from



CARLING CUP

CARLING CUP
ROUND TWO

PAYS OFF FOR ASTON

A LOOK AT VILLA'S PASSAGE INTO ROUND THREE AND OTHER KEY CARLING CUP SECOND ROUND TIES



Shane Cansdell-Sheriff's early own goal to advance with goals from Marvin Morgan, Nicky Wroe and Mark Wright.

Meanwhile the Canaries crashed out 4-0 to MK Dons, Luke Chadwick scoring two, with George Baldock and Daniel Powell getting the other goals.

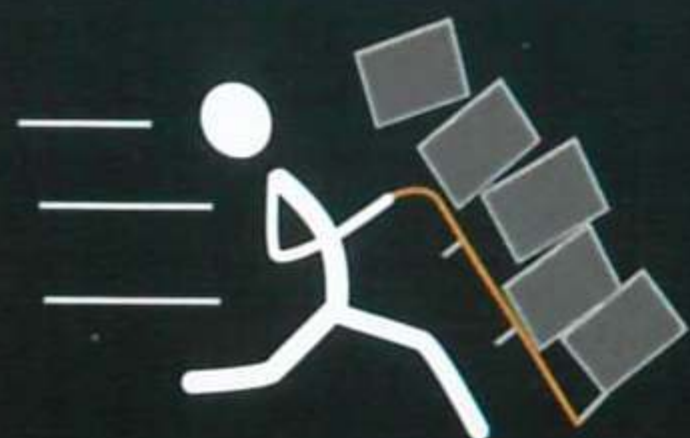
The last of the second round ties saw another upset – Crystal Palace knocking out Wigan with a 2-1 victory at Selhurst Park.

Two goals in the space of six first-half minutes put Palace in control. Firstly, Darren Ambrose finished off Wilfried Zaha's cut-back on 24 minutes and then John Williams' left-foot shot wrong-footed goalkeeper Ali Al-Habsi on the half-hour mark.

Ben Watson grabbed a stoppage time consolation for the Latics.

Our neighbours West Bromwich Albion and Wolverhampton Wanderers enjoyed comfortable away wins to move into round three.

The Baggies triumphed 4-1 at Bournemouth while Wolves were 4-0 winners at Northampton Town.



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ROB BISHOP REMEMBERS...

BOLTON? YOU MUST BE JOKING!

Bolton, always well-known for its football team, has also become renowned for producing top-class comedians in recent years.

First there was Peter Kay, and then along came his mate Dave Spikey, with whom he co-wrote and starred in the immensely-popular Phoenix Nights TV series.

I was treated to sample of Spikey's wit when I interviewed him for our official website ahead of his gig at Villa Park in May.

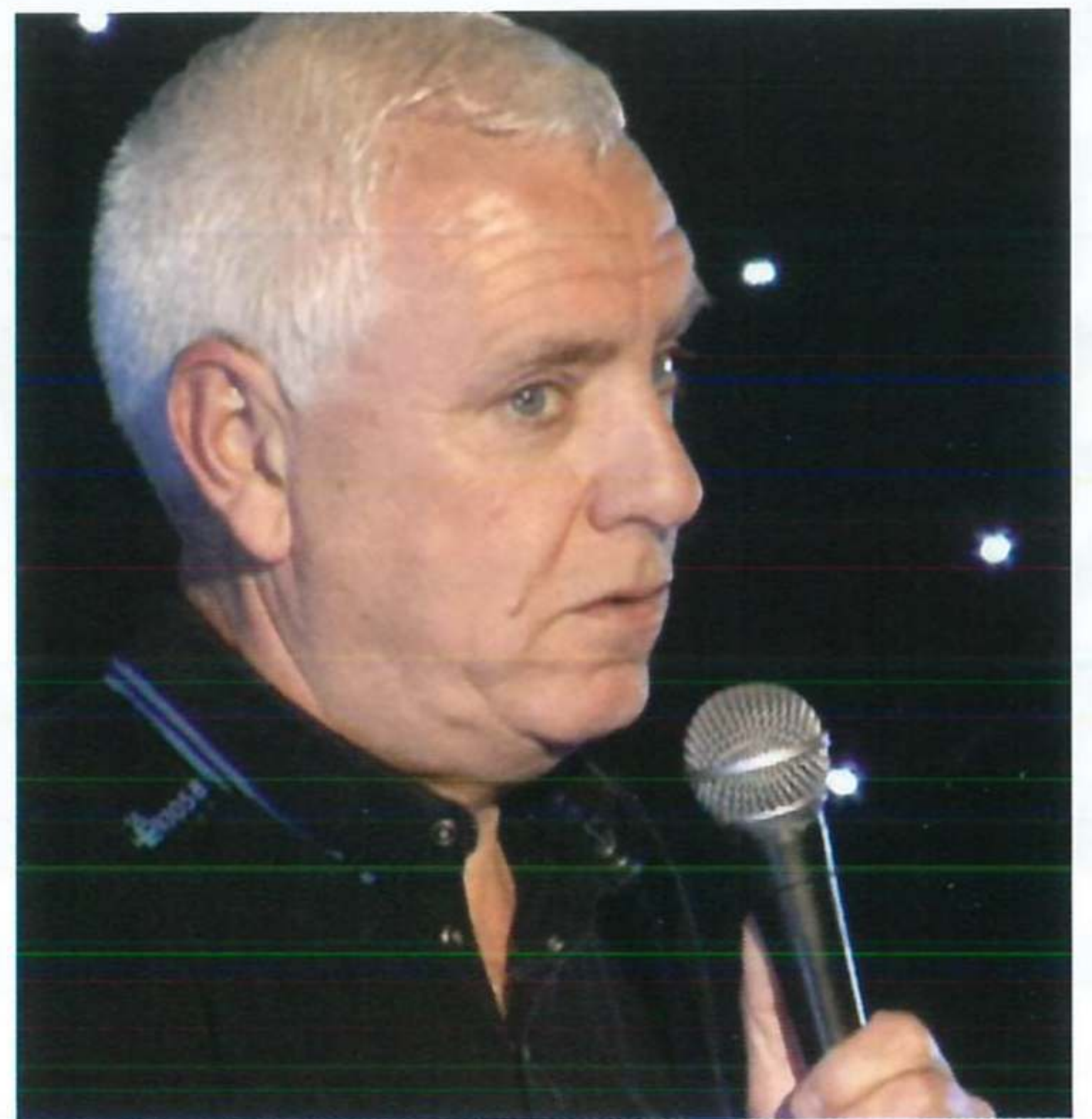
For the best part of 15 minutes, he had me in stitches as we chatted on the phone, but for all his witty one-liners, his love of Bolton Wanderers shone through.

Not only that, the lifelong Trotters fan admitted that he goes weak at the knees whenever he comes face-to-face with his boyhood heroes.

"I've been to the BAFTAs and the big comedy awards and I'm never overawed when I meet big stars," he told me. "But if I go to the Wanderers and one of my heroes says hello, I can't speak!"

"I can't get over the fact that they played in a Bolton shirt and now they know me. Most of my heroes are from the era when I first went to Burnden Park and if I had to pick just one it would be Wyn Davies, who was a really brave centre-forward. He scored so many great goals for us.

"These days my favourite is Kevin Davies, who doesn't get



the credit he deserves. He does so much for the team and if he scored more goals I'm sure he would be an England regular.

"My dad started taking me to football when I was nine and my first match was Bolton against Manchester City. I remember it clearly – we won 3-1 and Nat Lofthouse and Franny Lee both scored.

"People often say to me: 'You've got that wrong – they never played in the same team.' But they did – Franny was only 16 at the time."

While I've had the pleasure of speaking to Dave Spikey, I've never met Peter Kay – not unless you count watching him from a distance at Birmingham's National Indoor Arena. But I know a man who has.

Villa's former website editor Geoff Coleman is also from Bolton and went to the same school as PK. Like Dave Spikey, Geoff is an avid Bolton fan – and a great lover of pies.

In his youth he had a match-day ritual at the old Burnden Park ground. Before the match, he would pop into the Burnden Park Pie Shop over the road from the ground, and buy three meat and potato pies for the bargain price of £1 – one to be devoured before the game, one in the first half and one at half-time.

A visit to the pie shop was out of the question when Villa travelled to the Reebok for the first leg of the 2004 Carling Cup semi-final. But Geoff's eyes lit up when he discovered that the half-time meal laid on for the press was meat and potato pie and chips, with gravy (never let it be said they've nowt moist in Bolton).

Geoff even tried to relive his youth by taking a pie back to the press box for the second half, only to forget all about it in the excitement of Bolton's 5-2 win.

Feeling peckish as he drove to Villa Park early the following morning, he suddenly remembered his uneaten delicacy. He rummaged through his pockets, removed the cellophane wrapper and devoured his pie stone cold for breakfast. Add a slice of garlic bread it would have provided Peter Kay with a "reet good tale" for his stage show. 'Ave it!

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PURE GOLD!

The League Cup has produced some golden moments for Villa throughout the course of the past half century.

We have celebrated five triumphs and been runners-up on three other occasions, while there have been many other memories along the way.

But they say there's nothing like the first time and earlier this month we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Villa's triumph in the competition's inaugural season.

On 5th September 1961, Joe Mercer's team became the first team to lift the new trophy when they beat Rotherham United in the second leg of the final.

Having lost 2-0 in the first leg at Millmoor, the boys in claret and blue looked destined for disappointment when the first half at Villa Park remained goalless.

But second half goals from Alan O'Neill and Harry Burrows took the game into extra-time – and Peter McParland hit the winner.

Villa's League Cup trail had begun nearly 11 months earlier, with a 4-1 home victory over Huddersfield Town.

Gerry Hitchens netted the club's first goal in the competition, with Ron Wylie (2) and Harry Burrows also on target.

That was followed by a 3-3 draw at Preston and a 3-1 replay success, and Villa then became bogged down – quite literally – in a marathon fourth round tie against Plymouth Argyle.

A 3-3 home draw was followed by a goalless encounter at Home Park – where the game was abandoned before extra-time could be played because the pitch was waterlogged.

That was in mid-December, and it was the first week of February before the teams reconvened in Devon, a Hitchens hat-trick inspiring a 5-3 Villa win.

The fifth round was more straightforward, a 3-0 home win over Wrexham, but there was another extended tie against Burnley in the semi-final.

After Hitchens earned a 1-1 first leg draw at Turf Moor and he and Bobby Thomson netted in the 2-2 return leg at Villa Park, Villa finally emerged 2-1 winners in a replay at Old Trafford, courtesy of a Stan Lynn penalty and Hitchens.

Postponements and replays meant that game wasn't played until early May, and with Villa due to head off on tour shortly afterwards, the final was held over until the start of the following season. It was worth the wait.

ROUND BY ROUND

2	Huddersfield	H	4-1
	(Hitchens, Wylie 2, Burrows)		
3	Preston	A	3-3
	(O'Neill, Hitchens, Thomson)		
3r	Preston	H	3-1
	(Hitchens, Wylie, MacEwan)		
4	Plymouth	H	3-3
	(McParland 2, MacEwan)		
4r	Plymouth	A	0-0*
4r	Plymouth	A	5-3
	(Burrows, O'Neill, Hitchens 3)		
5	Wrexham	H	3-0
	(Thomson, Hitchens 2)		
Sf1	Burnley	A	1-1
	(Hitchens)		
Sf2	Burnley	H	2-2
	(Hitchens, Thomson)		
Sfr	Burnley	N	2-1**
	(Lynn Pen, Hitchens)		
F1	Rotherham	A	0-2
F2	Rotherham	H	3-0
	(O'Neill, Burrows, McParland)		

*Abandoned After 90mins | **At Old Trafford



MEMOR

A GOLDEN COLLECTION!

WE'VE JUST PASSED THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF VILLA'S FIRST LEAGUE CUP TRIUMPH. DAVE BRIDGEWATER LOOKS AT THE PROGRAMMES FROM THAT MARATHON RUN 50 YEARS AGO

Programmes often become more valuable when they are in sets, and that's certainly the case with those from Villa's inaugural League Cup triumph in 1961.

Individually, some of the issues would cost modest amounts even half a century later. The first home games, for instance, against Huddersfield Town and Preston North End, can be picked up for little more than the price of the current Villa News & Record.

But most of them are now worth at least £50 each. And when we get to the two legs of the final against Rotherham United, we're talking about really serious money.

The programme for the home leg against Rotherham United, for instance, now sells for around £150 – and the extremely rare issue from the first leg at Millmoor will set you back £350.

Add all the prices together and it comes to more than £800. But anyone in possession of every programme should insure them for at least £1,000.

That's because the full set is sought after by collectors who are not even Villa supporters. The fact that this was the competition's first season – with the final being held over until the start of the following campaign – gives this set additional significance.

1 VILLA v HUDDERSFIELD

The League Cup had very humble beginnings, with some clubs not even taking part. But Villa embraced it from the outset. The club's first game was a 4-1 second round home victory over Huddersfield Town in October 1960, and Gerry Hitchens scored our first goal in the competition. Ron Wylie (2) and Harry Burrows were also on target.

Programme value: £3

2 PRESTON v VILLA

Preston only produced a single-sheet for the original game at Deepdale but it has become one of the rarest "programmes" involving Villa.

Alan O'Neill, Hitchens and Bobby Thomson were our scorers in a 3-3 draw at Deepdale, with Hitchens, Wylie and Jimmy MacEwan securing a 3-1

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GARY'S GOAL OF THE SEASON

Gary Cahill wrote himself into Bolton Wanderers folklore when he opened the scoring in England's 2-0 win over Sofia in Bulgaria two weeks ago.

The centre-back's 10th-minute breakthrough effort was his first for the national team and it came in his first competitive game for his country.

More important, from a historical standpoint, it was the first time a Bolton player had scored for England for more than half a century. You have to go back to 1959 for the last time it happened, when Ray Parry was on target against Northern Ireland.

But never mind Bolton and England. As far as the claret and blue faithful are concerned, the only Gary Cahill goal which really means anything is the one he scored at the Holte End in April 2006.

It was the Sheffield-born centre-back's only goal for Villa and it came in only his third Premiership appearance for the club.

But it was special because it was so spectacular – and because it was against the old enemy from across the city.

Villa had gone ahead through Milan Baros, only for Chris Sutton – who would later play for Villa – to equalise before half-time.

But in the 56th minute we witnessed a piece of action which will remain etched firmly in the memory of

anyone who was there.

When Kevin Phillips had a shot blocked, Cahill launched himself into the air and hooked an acrobatic scissors kick past keeper Maik Taylor.

Baros subsequently made the final score 3-1 but that sensational Cahill effort was voted Villa's Goal of the Season.

Cahill made only 31 first team appearances before his move to the Reebok Stadium in January 2008 but he fondly remembers his formative years as an academy player and a young professional.

"I had some memorable days at Villa, especially with the academy" he said. "That's where I learned my trade. The youth coaches – Kevin MacDonald, Tony McAndrew and Gordon Cowans – helped a lot during those early years.

"They were fantastic and the number of players they have turned out is phenomenal. Every year they produce players who go on to play in the Premier League.

"I owe a lot to them. They gave me a platform and schooling from the age of 14 to when I got into the reserves. That was fantastic."

Thanks for the memory of that goal against Blues, Gary – we just hope you're not in a similarly predatory mood tonight!

NEXT AT HOME: WIGAN



Villa will be determined to achieve a Barclays Premier League first when Wigan Athletic are the visitors to Villa Park on Saturday 1st October (kick-off 3pm).

That's because the boys in claret and blue haven't defeated the Latics at home since the North West club's elevation to the top-flight in 2005.

But there is great optimism that will change this time around with Villa making a solid start to 2011-12. The two sides played out a 1-1 draw in the last meeting here four months ago.

Ashley Young was on target for Villa that day – although Wigan's goalscorer Charles N'Zogbia will find himself lining up on the opposite side this season.

The winger's summer switch to Villa Park brings added spice to this encounter as he looks to put in an inspired display against his former club.

Roberto Martinez's team are looking to build on a campaign which saw them flirt with relegation last term.

They already have points on the board having beaten Queens Park Rangers and drawn with the division's other new boys Norwich City and Swansea City.

The Spaniard's teams are renowned for playing open attacking football which should ensure another cracking encounter a week on Saturday.

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2011/12 SEATING PLAN AND MATCH TICKETS



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The category for each game will be determined prior to match tickets going on sale. All match tickets are offered subject to availability.

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Over 65	-	-	-	-	£25	£24	£23	£21	£25	£24	£23	£21	£24	£24	£23	£21	£20	£20	£19	£18	£20	£20	£16	£16	£20	£20	£19	£18
Young Adult	-	-	-	-	£32	£31	£28	£26	£29	£28	£27	£23	£28	£26	£24	£22	£21	£20	£19	£18	-	-	-	-	£21	£20	£19	£18
Student/ Armed Forces	-	-	-	-	£32	£30	£28	£26	£29	£28	£25	£23	£28	£27	£24	£21	£24	£23	£21	£19	-	-	-	-	£24	£23	£21	£19
Adult & Junior Combo	-	-	-	-	£37	£36	£34	£32	£34	£31	£28	£26	£32	£30	£29	£27	£25	£24	£21	£18	-	-	-	-	£25	£24	£21	£18

HOME GAMES ▶▶▶▶



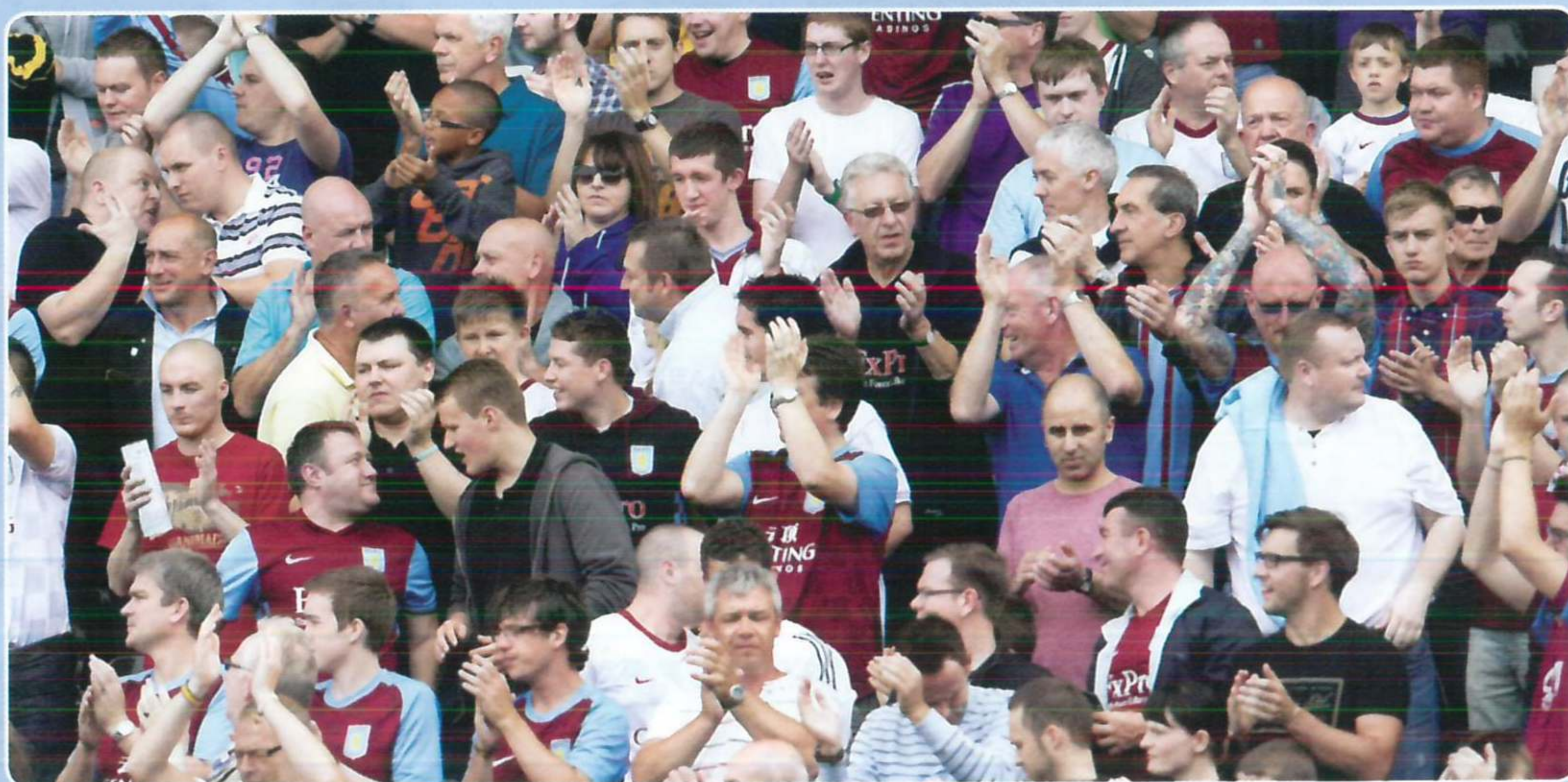
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE **VILLA v WIGAN ATHLETIC**

Saturday 1st October 2011 (3.00pm) Category: **VV**

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Sunday 25th September (4.00pm) Initial ticket allocation: **1,650**

Ticket Prices: £40 to £45 for adults £35 to £40 for over-65s/young adults £17 to £20 for under-16s **FREE** for under-eights

Wheelchair allocation: **SOLD OUT**. Disabled tickets available by calling the Consumer Sales Department on **0800 612 0970**.

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BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE **MANCHESTER CITY v VILLA**

Saturday 15th October (3.00pm) Initial allocation **1,700**

Ticket Prices £38 for adults £32 for over-65s £20 for under-16s £38 for disabled and personal assistant

Wheelchair Tickets: Wheelchair allocation: 5 Disabled tickets available by calling the Consumer Sales Department on **0800**

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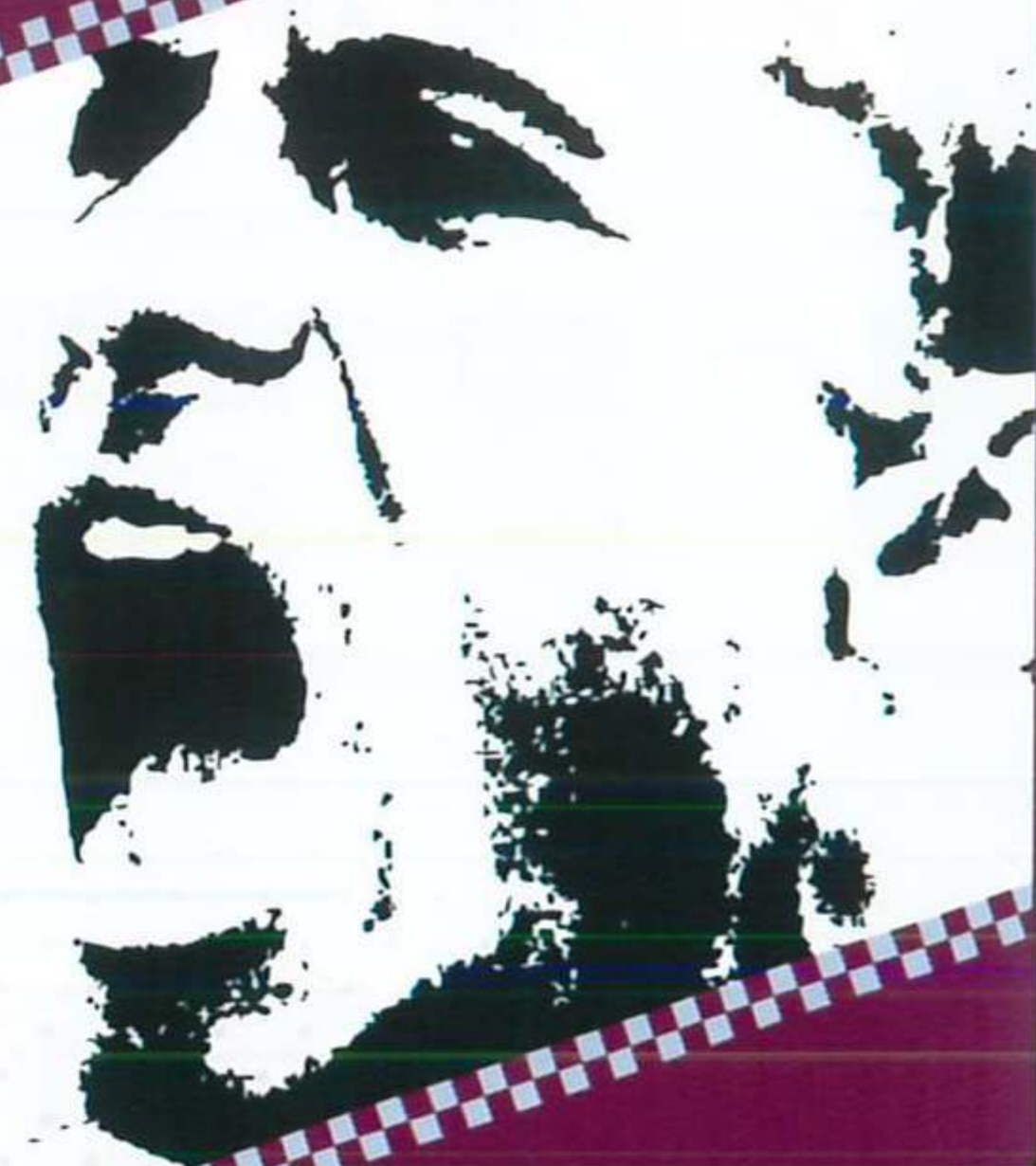
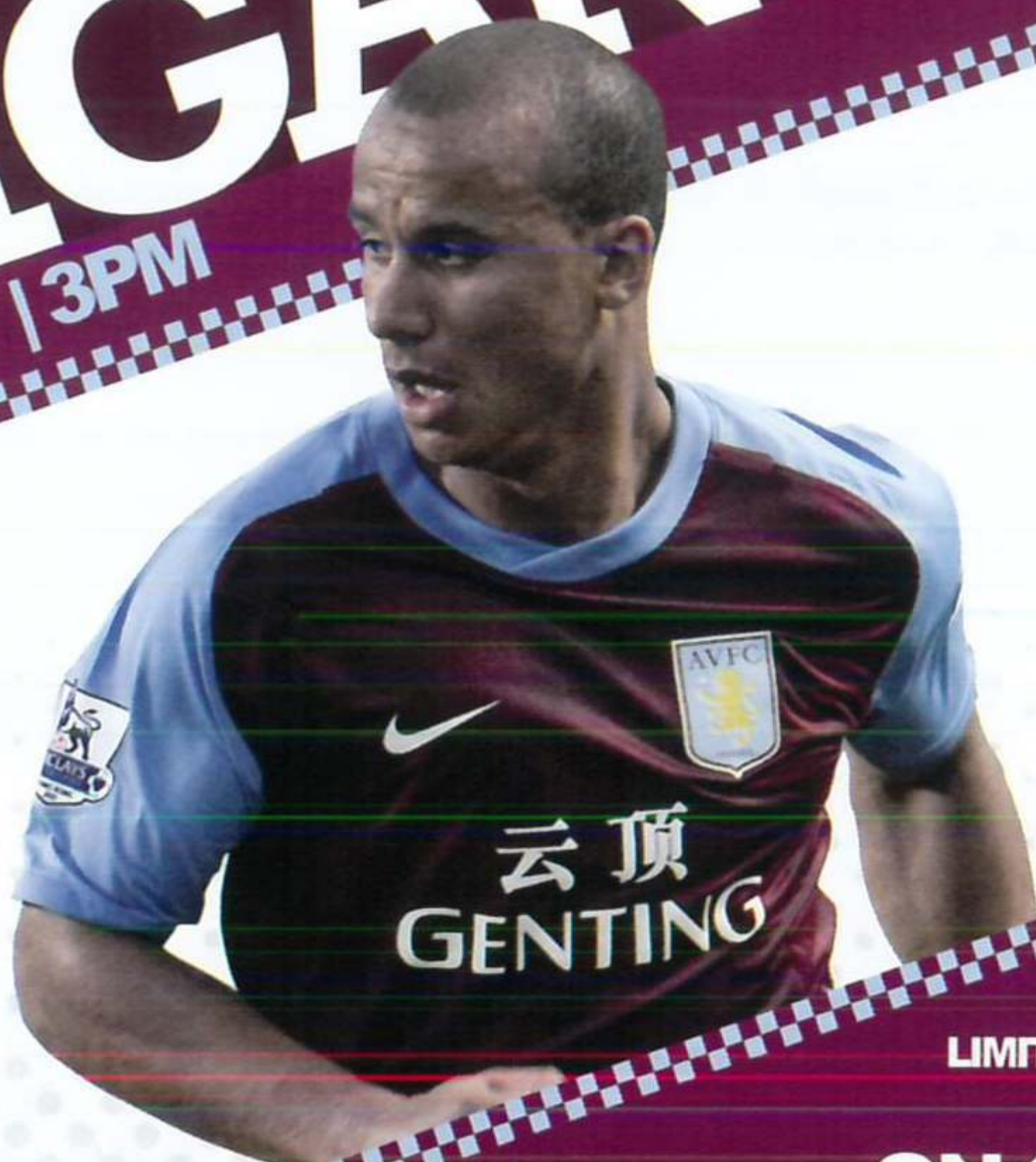
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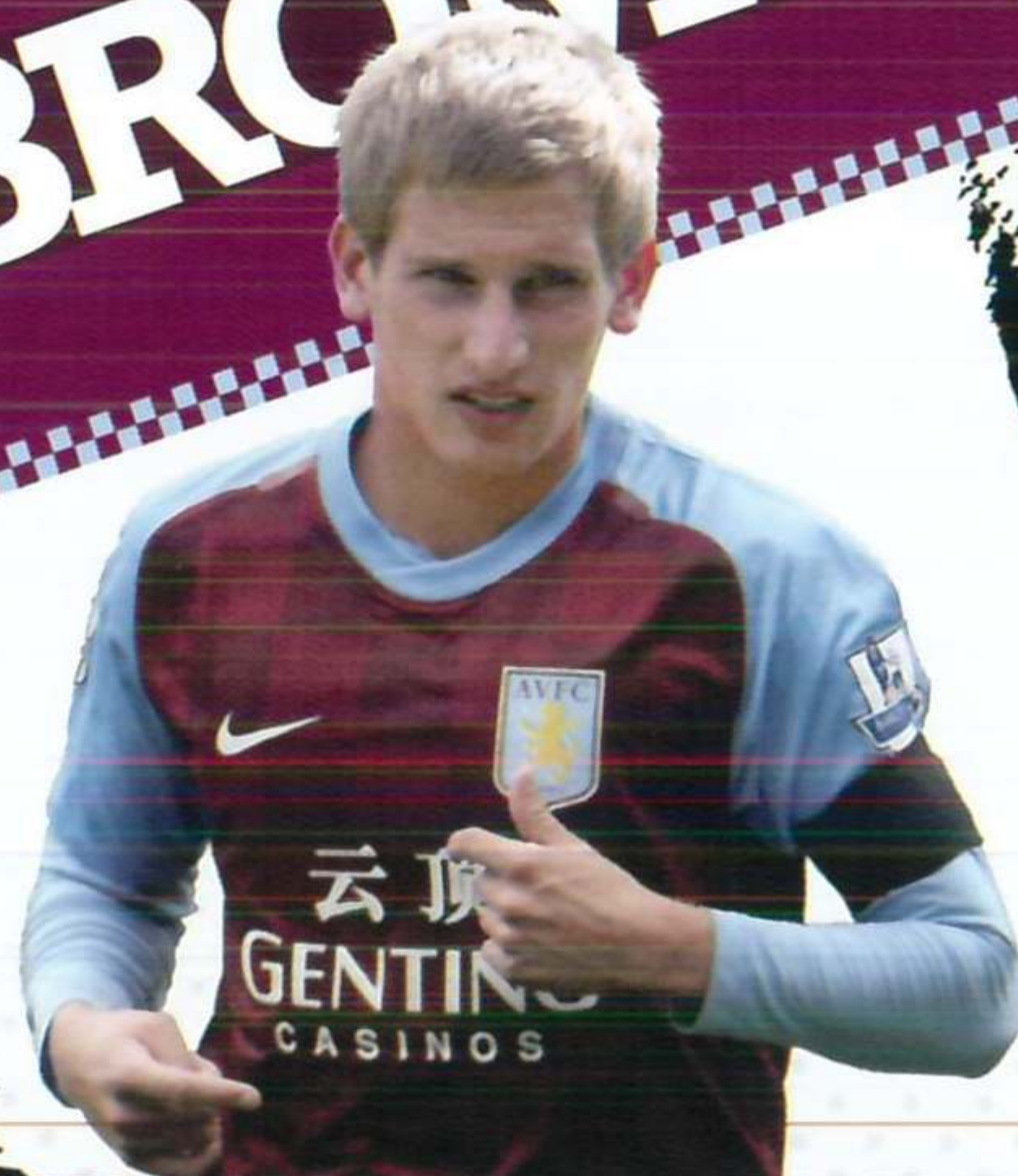
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		11/12		11/12		11/12		VILLA	
		LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		TOTAL	
		Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
1	SHAY GIVEN Lifford 20.4.76	5	-	-	-	5	-	5	-
2	ALAN HUTTON Glasgow 30.11.84	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
3	STEPHEN WARNOCK Ormskirk 12.12.81	5	-	-	-	5	-	68	1
5	RICHARD DUNNE Dublin 21.9.79	5	-	1	-	6	-	85	3
6	JAMES COLLINS Newport 23.8.83	5	-	-	-	5	-	74 ⁽⁵⁾	5
7	STEPHEN IRELAND Cork 22.8.86	- ⁽²⁾	-	1	-	1 ⁽²⁾	-	9 ⁽⁷⁾	-
8	JERMAINE JENAS Nottingham 18.2.83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	DARREN BENT Wandsworth 6.2.84	5	1	1	-	6	1	22	10
10	CHARLES N'ZOGBIA Le Havre 28.5.86	5	-	1	-	6	-	6	-
11	GABRIEL AGBONLAHOR Birmingham 13.10.86	5	3	-	-	5	3	200 ⁽²²⁾	59
12	MARC ALBRIGHTON Tamworth 18.11.89	- ⁽⁵⁾	-	1	-	1 ⁽⁵⁾	-	26 ⁽²¹⁾	6
14	NATHAN DELFOUNESO Birmingham 2.2.91	- ⁽¹⁾	-	- ⁽¹⁾	1	- ⁽²⁾	1	11 ⁽³⁴⁾	9
16	FABIAN DELPH Bradford 21.11.89	5	-	-	-	5	-	20 ⁽⁸⁾	1
17	JEAN-II MAKOUN Yaounde (Cameroon) 29.5.83	-	-	1	-	1	-	8	-
18	EMILE HESKEY Leicester 11.1.78	4	1	-	-	4	1	56 ⁽²⁹⁾	14
19	STILIYAN PETROV Sofia 5.7.79	5	1	-	-	5	1	182 ⁽¹²⁾	9
21	CIARAN CLARK Harrow 26.9.89	- ⁽²⁾	-	1	-	1 ⁽²⁾	-	24 ⁽⁶⁾	4
22	BRAD GUZAN Evergreen Park (Illinois) 9.9.84	-	-	1	-	1	-	21 ⁽¹⁾	-
23	HABIB BEYE Paris 19.10.77	-	-	- ⁽¹⁾	-	- ⁽¹⁾	-	15 ⁽³⁾	-
24	CARLOS CUELLAR Madrid 23.8.81	-	-	-	-	-	-	96 ⁽⁶⁾	3
25	BARRY BANNAN Glasgow 1.12.89	1 ⁽³⁾	-	1	-	2 ⁽³⁾	-	17 ⁽⁹⁾	1
26	ANDREAS WEIMANN Vienna 5.8.91	-	-	- ⁽¹⁾	-	- ⁽¹⁾	-	- ⁽³⁾	-
30	ERIC LICHAJ Downers Grove (Illinois) 17.11.88	-	-	1	1	1	1	7 ⁽²⁾	1
31	CHRIS HERD Melbourne 4.4.89	1	-	1	-	2	-	4 ⁽⁵⁾	-
32	NATHAN BAKER Worcester 23.4.91	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
33	ANDREW MARSHALL Bury St Edmunds 14.4.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	SHANE LOWRY Perth (WA) 12.6.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	- ⁽²⁾	-
35	DANIEL JOHNSON Jamaica 8.10.92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	GARY GARDNER Solihull 29.6.92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	ELLIOTT PARISH Northampton 20.5.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OWN GOALS		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

UP TO AND INCLUDING SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER



RICHARD DUNNE - MADE HIS 85TH VILLA APPEARANCE AGAINST NEWCASTLE

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE

Club	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Manchester United	5	5	0	0	21	4	17	15
2 Manchester City	5	4	1	0	17	5	12	13
3 Chelsea	5	3	1	1	8	6	2	10
4 Newcastle United	5	2	3	0	4	2	2	9
5 Stoke City	5	2	2	1	3	5	-2	8
6 Aston Villa	5	1	4	0	6	4	2	7
7 Everton	4	2	1	1	6	4	2	7
8 Liverpool	5	2	1	2	6	7	-1	7
9 QPR	5	2	1	2	4	6	-2	7
10 Wolves	5	2	1	2	4	6	-2	7
11 Tottenham Hotspur	4	2	0	2	7	8	-1	6
12 Sunderland	5	1	2	2	6	4	2	5
13 Norwich City	5	1	2	2	5	7	-2	5
14 Swansea City	5	1	2	2	3	5	-2	5
15 Wigan Athletic	5	1	2	2	4	7	-2	5
16 Blackburn Rovers	5	1	1	3	7	10	-3	4
17 Arsenal	5	1	1	3	6	14	-8	4
18 Fulham	5	0	3	2	4	7	-3	3
19 Bolton Wanderers	5	1	0	4	8	13	-5	3
20 West Brom	5	1	0	4	3	8	-5	3

VILLA STATS 2011-12

DATE	H/A	OPPOSITION	RESULT	ATTENDANCE	STARTING XI
SAT AUG 13	A	FULHAM	0-0	25,700	GIVEN, YOUNG, COLLINS, DUNNE, WARNOCK, N'ZOGBIA, PETROV, D
SAT AUG 20	H	BLACKBURN ROVERS	3-1	32,319	GIVEN, YOUNG, COLLINS, DUNNE, WARNOCK, N'ZOGBIA, PETROV, D
TUE AUG 23	H	HEREFORD UNITED (CC2)	2-0	21,058	GUZAN, HERD, DUNNE, CLARK, LICHAJ ¹ , ALBRIGHTON, MAKOUN, BANNA
SAT AUG 27	H	WOLVES	0-0	30,776	GIVEN; HERD, COLLINS, DUNNE, WARNOCK; N'ZOGBIA, PETROV, DEL
SAT SEP 10	A	EVERTON	2-2	32,736	GIVEN; HUTTON, COLLINS, DUNNE, WARNOCK; N'ZOGBIA, PETROV ¹
SAT SEP 17	H	NEWCASTLE UNITED	1-1	34,248	GIVEN, HUTTON, COLLINS, DUNNE, WARNOCK, BANNAN, PETROV, D
TUE SEP 20	H	BOLTON WANDERERS (CC3)			
SUN SEP 25	A	QPR (4.00)			
SAT OCT 1	H	WIGAN ATHLETIC			
SAT OCT 15	A	MANCHESTER CITY			
SAT OCT 22	H	WEST BROMWICH ALBION			
WED OCT 26		CARLING CUP 4			
SAT OCT 29	A	SUNDERLAND			
SAT NOV 5	H	NORWICH CITY			
MON NOV 21	A	TOTTENHAM (8.00)			
SUN NOV 27	A	SWANSEA CITY (1.30)			
WED NOV 30		CARLING CUP 5			
SAT DEC 3	H	MANCHESTER UNITED			
SAT DEC 10	A	BOLTON WANDERERS			
SAT DEC 17	H	LIVERPOOL			
WED DEC 21	H	ARSENAL			
MON DEC 26	A	STOKE CITY			
SAT DEC 31	A	CHELSEA			
MON JAN 2	H	SWANSEA CITY			
SAT JAN 7		FA CUP 3			
SAT JAN 14	H	EVERTON			
SAT JAN 21	A	WOLVES			
WED JAN 11		CARLING CUP SF (1)			
SAT JAN 28		FA CUP 4			
WED FEB 1	H	QPR			
SAT FEB 4	A	NEWCASTLE UNITED			
SAT FEB 11	H	MANCHESTER CITY			
SAT FEB 18		FA CUP 5			
SAT FEB 25	A	WIGAN ATHLETIC			
SUN FEB 26		CARLING CUP FINAL			
SAT MAR 3	A	BLACKBURN ROVERS			
SAT MAR 10	H	FULHAM			
SAT MAR 17	H	BOLTON WANDERERS (FAC 6)			
SAT MAR 24	A	ARSENAL			
SAT MAR 31	H	CHELSEA			
SAT APL 7	A	LIVERPOOL			
MON APL 9	H	STOKE CITY			
SAT APL 14	A	MANCHESTER UNITED (FAC SF)			
SAT APL 21	H	SUNDERLAND			
SAT APL 28	A	WEST BROMWICH ALBION			
SAT MAY 5	H	TOTTENHAM			
SUN MAY 13	A	NORWICH CITY			



BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE 2011-12

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

75,498 Man United v Tottenham 22.8.11

LOWEST ATTENDANCE

15,195 QPR v Bolton 13.8.11

HIGHEST SCORING HOME WIN

8-2 Manchester United v Arsenal 28.8.11

HIGHEST SCORING AWAY WIN

5-0 Manchester United at Bolton 10.9.11

5-1 Man City at Tottenham 28.8.11

MOST GOALS IN A MATCH

4 Edin Dzeko (Manchester City) at Tottenham 28.8.11

3 Wayne Rooney (Manchester United) v Arsenal 28.8.11

3 Sergio Aguero (Manchester City) v Wigan 10.9.11

3 Wayne Rooney (Manchester United) at Bolton 10.9.11

LEADING SCORERS

9 Wayne Rooney (Manchester United)

8 Sergio Aguero (Manchester City)

7 Edin Dzeko (Manchester City)

4 Andy Johnson (Fulham)

4 Danny Murphy (Fulham)

4 Nani (Manchester United)

(STATISTICS FOR PREMIER LEAGUE GAMES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

	SUBSTITUTES	UNUSED SUBS
PH, AGBONLAHOR, BENT, HESKEY	ALBRIGHTON, CLARK	GUZAN, IRELAND, DELFOUNESO, MAKOUN, BANNAN
PH, AGBONLAHOR ¹ , BENT ¹ , HESKEY ¹	ALBRIGHTON, CLARK, BANNAN	GUZAN, IRELAND, DELFOUNESO, MAKOUN
, N'ZOGBIA, IRELAND, BENT	BEYE, DELFOUNESO ¹ , WEIMANN	MARSHALL, HOGG, BAKER, LOWRY
H, AGBONLAHOR; HESKEY; BENT.	BANNAN, ALBRIGHTON	GUZAN, IRELAND, DELFOUNESO, MAKOUN, CLARK
DELPH, BENT, AGBONLAHOR ¹ , HESKEY.	BANNAN, ALBRIGHTON, IRELAND	GUZAN, DELFOUNESO, CLARK, HERD.
LPH, N'ZOGBIA, AGBONLAHOR I, BENT	ALBRIGHTON, IRELAND, DELFOUNESO	GUZAN, HERD, LOWRY, GARDNER



KEY: **HOME FIXTURES IN BOLD** † Own goal, § Match won on penalties, ^{1,2,3} - Number indicates goal scored * - After extra time

- 4 Bobby Zamora (Fulham)
- 3 Emmanuel Adebayor (Tottenham)
- 3 Gabriel Agbonlahor (Aston Villa)
- 3 *Mikel Arteta (Arsenal)
- 3 Leon Best (Newcastle)
- 3 Jermain Defoe (Tottenham)
- 3 Clint Dempsey (Fulham)
- 3 Franco Di Santo (Wigan)
- 3 Kenwyne Jones (Stoke)
- 3 Ivan Klasnic (Bolton)
- 3 Ruben Rochina (Blackburn)
- 3 Luis Suarez (Liverpool)
- 3 Robin van Persie (Arsenal)
- 3 Theo Walcott (Arsenal)

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A GIANT PULL-OUT POSTER
OF VILLA'S
2011-12 SQUAD
- AND MUCH MORE



VILLA VAULTS



IN THE FRAME

Delight for Villa, dismay for Bolton. Why's that?

It's the FA Cup semi-final at Wembley in April 2000. The game finished goalless after extra-time so a penalty shoot-out was needed. David James has just saved Bolton's second spot-kick, from Allan Johnston, which is why our boys look so happy.

So that save secured a place in the final?

Not quite. The shoot-out started with a conversion from Steve Stone, followed by an "equaliser" from Dean Holdsworth. Then Lee Hendrie scored to make it 2-1 before James saved from Johnston. Next up was Gareth Barry for 3-1 before James made a second save, this time from Michael Johansen. It meant that if Dion Dublin converted the next kick, Villa were 4-1 winners. He did.

Nice to see all of Villa's penalty heroes on the photo...

Yes, from the left we have Stone, Hendrie, Barry, Paul Merson, Dublin



and Ugo Ehiogu. Look carefully and you will also spot Alan Wright and Gareth Southgate in the background. The skipper, clearly recalling his crucial penalty miss for England against Germany in the Euro 96 semi-final, sensibly decided not to take one...

It must have been a great feeling for Dublin to clinch Villa's place in the final?

It was. Just over three months earlier, we feared his career may be over when he damaged his vertebrae in a collision with Sheffield Wednesday's Gerald Sibon. It was an injury which could have left him in a wheelchair, so his comeback was remarkable.

TRAINING A CENTURY AGO

Archives - Laura Brett

The Bodymoor Heath training ground boasts state-of-the-art facilities including a 3,500sqm indoor playing area and four full-size grass pitches – one of which is a full-scale replica of the ground at Villa Park)

There are also 15 changing rooms, a gymnasium and physiotherapy facilities, and an indoor swimming pool.

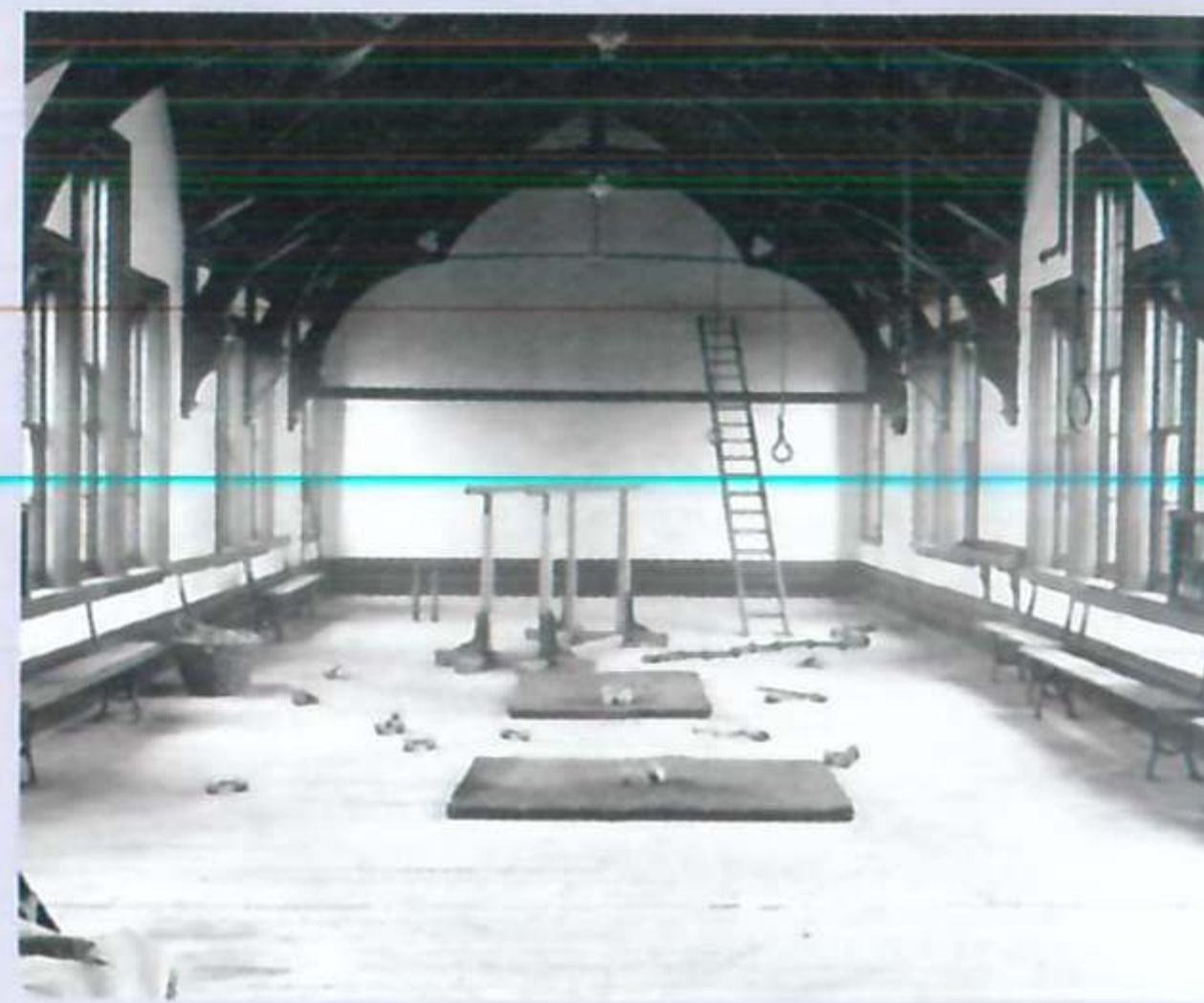
Compare these to the humble facilities in this picture of the old gymnasium around 1910, which includes a set of parallel bars, gymnastic rings, dumbbells, Indian clubs and mats for floor exercises.

While the training facilities have vastly improved over the years, the importance of training has stayed the same.

In his book *Association Football*, published in 1901, Sheffield United player Edward Needham writes: "Well-directed exercise is the chief factor in training for any sport.

"These various exercises, used lightly at first, and gradually increased under experienced direction, will produce the necessary vigour and hardness, and bring the player into condition for match playing."

This is just as true 110 years later!



NATIONAL FOOTBALL MUSEUM



National Football Museum Hall of Fame Awards

Villa Team of 82

Holte Suite, Villa Park on October 27

Villa's European Cup winning heroes are to be inducted into the National Football Museum Hall of Fame - with former manager Ron Saunders on hand to present them with their award.

The Holte Suite will be the venue on October 27 as the likes of Peter Withe, Gary Shaw, Nigel Spink, Dennis Mortimer and Ken McNaught are officially honoured for that famous night in Rotterdam.

Join us for this very special black tie dinner on October 27 and celebrate Villa's greatest ever achievement.

To book your place contact Adam Russell on 0161 482 8222 or adam@inconnection.uk.com.

Platinum Table of 10: £900 +VAT

Gold Table of 10: £600 +VAT

Individual place: £65 +VAT





ASTON VILLA

Shay GIVEN (Gk)	01	■
Alan HUTTON	02	■
Stephen WARNOCK	03	■
Richard DUNNE	05	■
James COLLINS	06	■
Stephen IRELAND	07	■
Jermaine JENAS	08	■
Darren BENT	09	■
Charles N'ZOGBIA	10	■
Gabriel AGBONLAHOR	11	■
Marc ALBRIGHTON	12	■
Nathan DELFOUNESO	14	■
Fabian DELPH	16	■
Jean Il MAKOUN	17	■
Emile HESKEY	18	■
Stiliyan PETROV	19	■
Ciaran CLARK	21	■
Brad GUZAN (Gk)	22	■
Habib BEYE	23	■
Carlos CUELLAR	24	■
Barry BANNAN	25	■
Andreas WEIMANN	26	■
Eric LICHAJ	30	■
Chris HERD	31	■
Nathan BAKER	32	■
Andy MARSHALL (Gk)	33	■
Shane LOWRY	34	■
Daniel JOHNSON	35	■
Gary GARDNER	38	■
Elliot PARISH	43	■



BOLTON WANDERERS

■	01	Adam BOGDAN (Gk)
■	02	Gretar Rafn STEINSSON
■	03	Marcos ALONSO
■	04	Paul ROBINSON
■	05	Gary CAHILL
■	06	Fabrice MUAMBA
■	07	Chris EAGLES
■	08	Stuart HOLDEN
■	09	Tuncay SANLI
■	10	Martin PETROV
■	11	Ricardo GARDNER
■	12	Zat KNIGHT
■	14	Kevin DAVIES
■	16	Mark DAVIES
■	17	Ivan KLASNIC
■	18	Samuel RICKETTS
■	19	Nigel REO-COKER
■	20	Robbie BLAKE
■	21	Darren PRATLEY
■	22	Jussi JAASKELAINEN (Gk)
■	23	Sean DAVIS
■	24	David NGOG
■	25	Dedryk BOYATA
■	26	Rob LANTON (Gk)
■	27	Chung-Yong LEE
■	28	Gael KAKUTA
■	31	David WHEATER
■	33	Mark CONNOLLY
■	35	Temitope OBADAYI
■	36	Michael O'HALLORAN
■	38	Adam BLAKEMAN

SAFETY & SECURITY

Aston Villa FC welcomes all supporters to Villa Park. For the safety and security of all supporters, please: **KEEP GANGWAYS CLEAR**, **BE AWARE OF THE NEAREST EXIT POINT**. You are also reminded it is a criminal offence to enter the playing area, throw missiles or chant obscene or racial remarks. **SECURITY NOTICE**: In the current security climate, we urge spectators not to leave bags and packages unattended. If you notice any such items, or have any concerns please speak to a steward. Please listen for any security announcements and follow any instructions. **EMERGENCY WARNING**: In the event of emergency, you will hear three warning chimes, followed by announcements over the public address system. Please follow the instructions of stewards and police officers. **REMAIN SEATED**: Villa Park is an all-seater stadium, and spectators are required to remain seated. Any areas where people persistently stand are very likely to be closed next season for safety reasons. This is not an idle threat. Please act responsibly so that the enjoyment of other people and the reputation of Villa Park is not ruined. **RACIAL TOLERANCE**: Aston Villa Football Club does not tolerate racism in any form. Anyone found racially abusing players or others will be prosecuted. **SMOKING REGULATIONS**: Please note that all of Villa Park is non-smoking.

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25 BARRY BANNAN
OFFICIAL PROGRAMME POSTER



Villa's 1961 League Cup-winning squad. Back row: Alan O'Neill, Harry Burrows, Jimmy MacEwan, Geoff Sidebottom, Alan Deakin, John Neal, Ralph Brown. Middle: Joe Mercer (manager), Ray Shaw (coach), Ron Wylie, Stan Lynn, Nigel Sims, Gordon Lee, Jimmy Dugdale, Bobby Thomson, Fred Archer (secretary). Front: J Heath, N Smith (directors), Vic Crowe, Chris Buckley (chairman), Peter McParland, D Normansell, W Lovesey (directors).